

HOPE YOU HAVE A
GOOD TIME!

PLEASE FEEL AT
HOME WHILE YOU
ARE HERE!

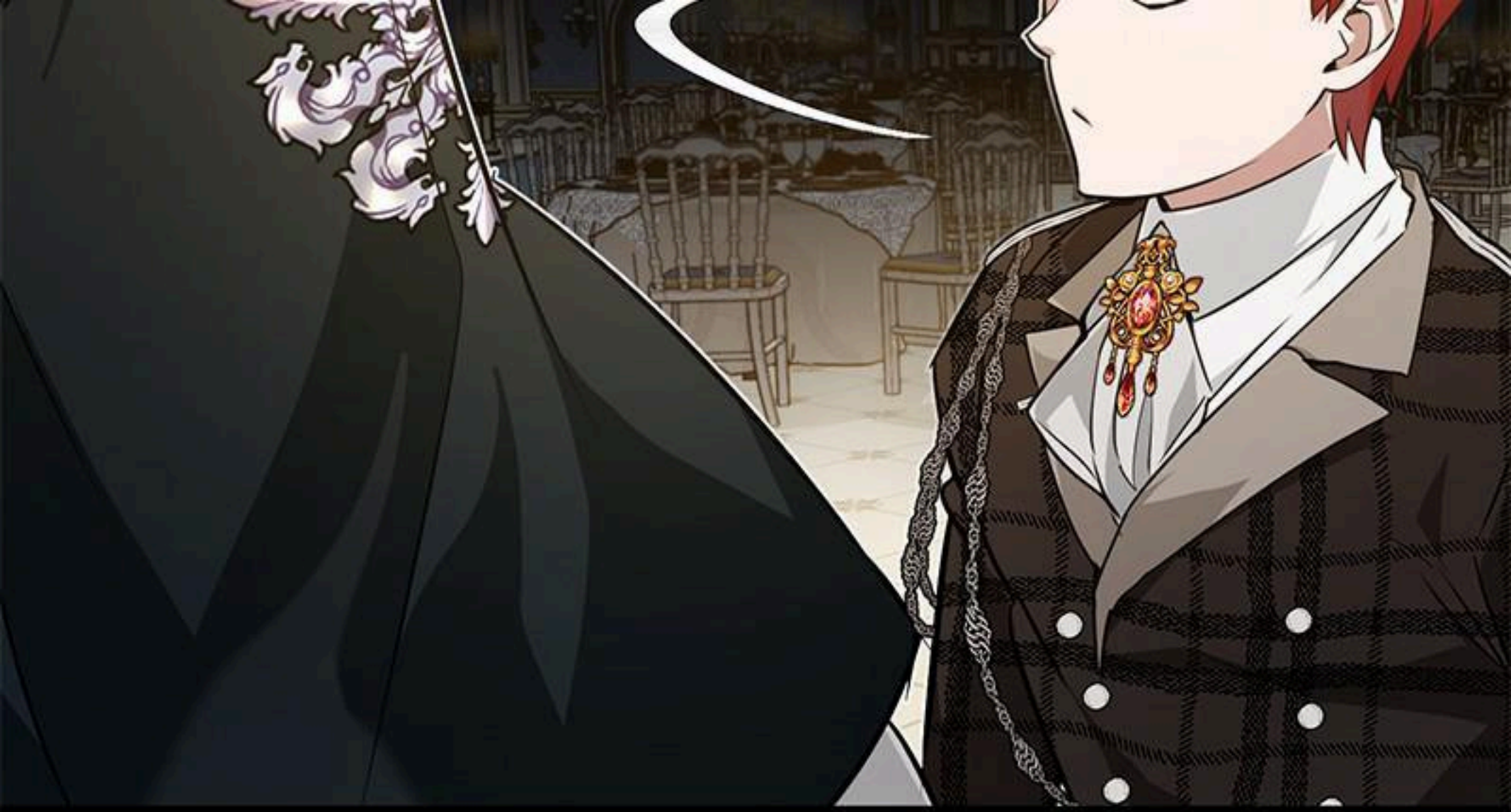
CHATTER



CHATTER



GLANCE

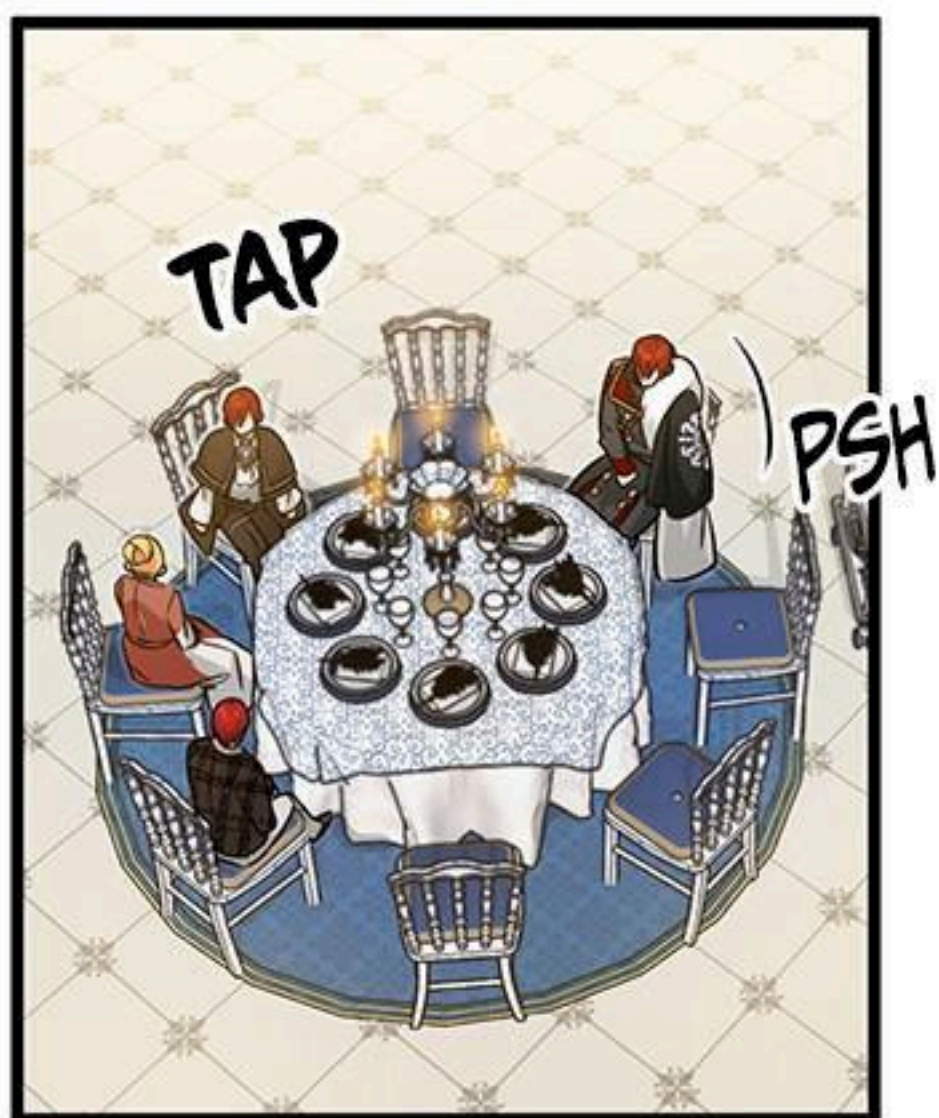


JAMIE WELTON...

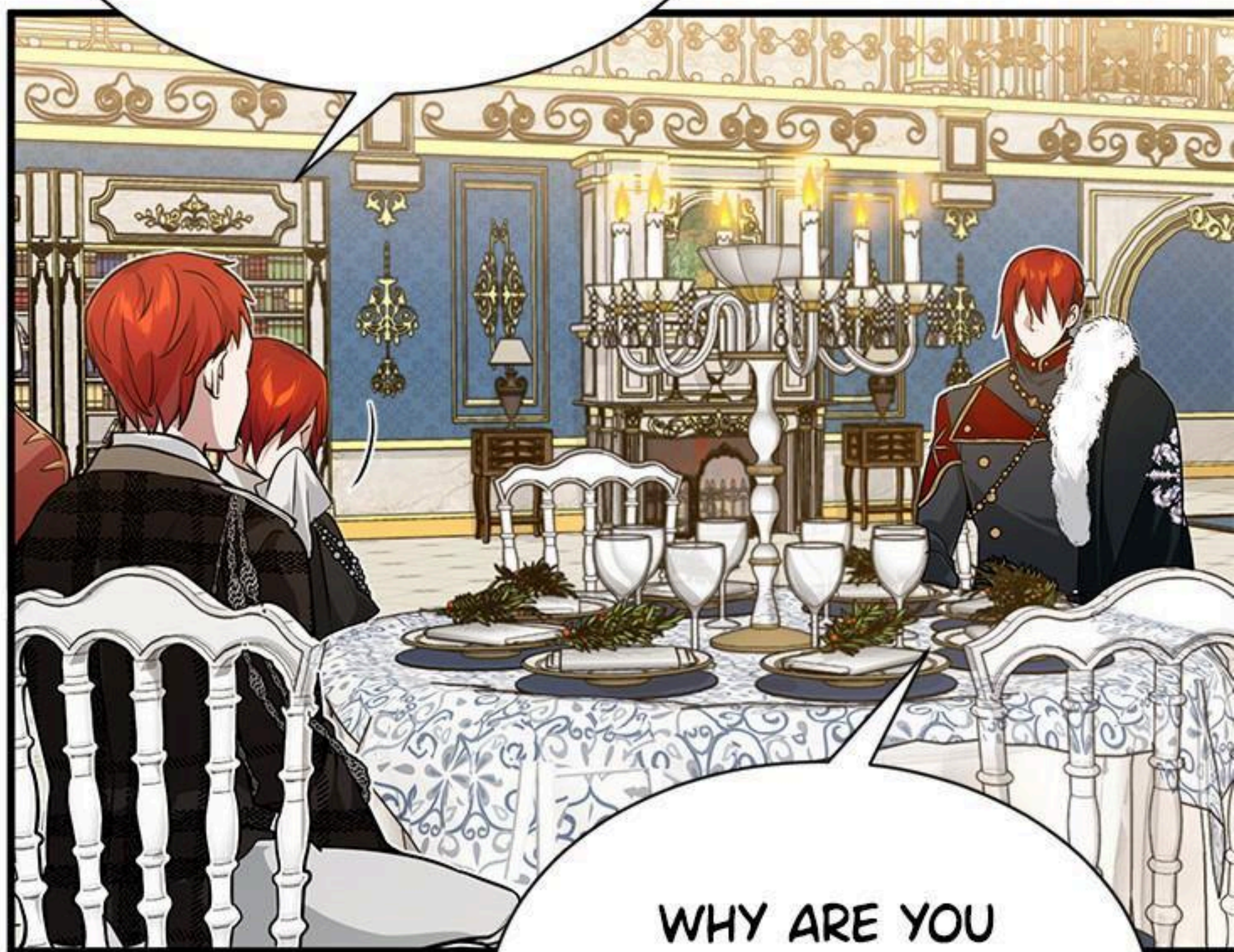


WHEN IS FATHER
COMING?

I ASSUME HE WILL
ARRIVE LATE AT NIGHT.



FATHER,
HOW WAS THE BOY
OF THE WELTON
HOUSEHOLD?



WHY ARE YOU
SO INTERESTED IN A

SO INTERESTED IN A
NINE YEAR OLD
KID?

HE MAY BE
YOUNG NOW, BUT HE
WILL BE THE HEAD OF
THE WELTONS
ONE DAY.






IT'S GOOD
TO KNOW A LITTLE
BIT ABOUT NOBLE
CHILDREN AROUND
MY AGE.

...



HMPH

I WAS TOLD
THAT HE ACTS AS
A LEADER AMONGST
THE NOBLE CHILDREN
THESE DAYS.



HE PROBABLY
JUST WANTS MY
RECOGNITION. TALK
ABOUT A FUTILE
ATTEMPT.



SWISH

I COULD LET
HIM HAVE HIS FUN!

HIM HAVE HIS FUN,
HOWEVER.

HE IS A
BRIGHT BOY.





IS THERE
MORE YOU CAN
TELL ME ABOUT
HIM?

...

BRING ME AN
APERITIF*.

*A
PRE-MEAL
DRINK

YES,
MASTER.

...





ST

SOFT



TRY TO MAINTAIN
A GOOD RELATIONSHIP
WITH HIM. WE'VE BEEN
IN ALLIANCE WITH THE
WELTONS FOR A LONG
TIME NOW.



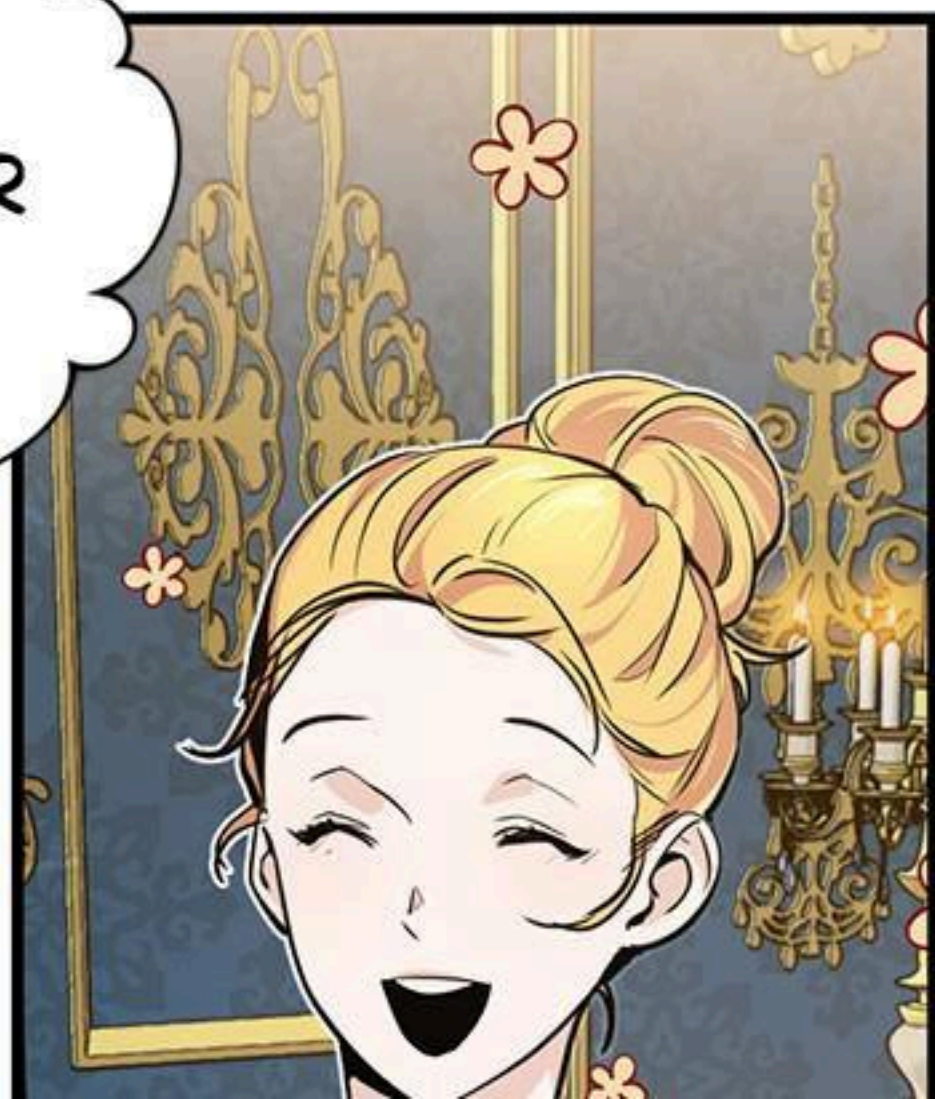
DON'T WORRY,
MOTHER. OF COURSE
I WILL.

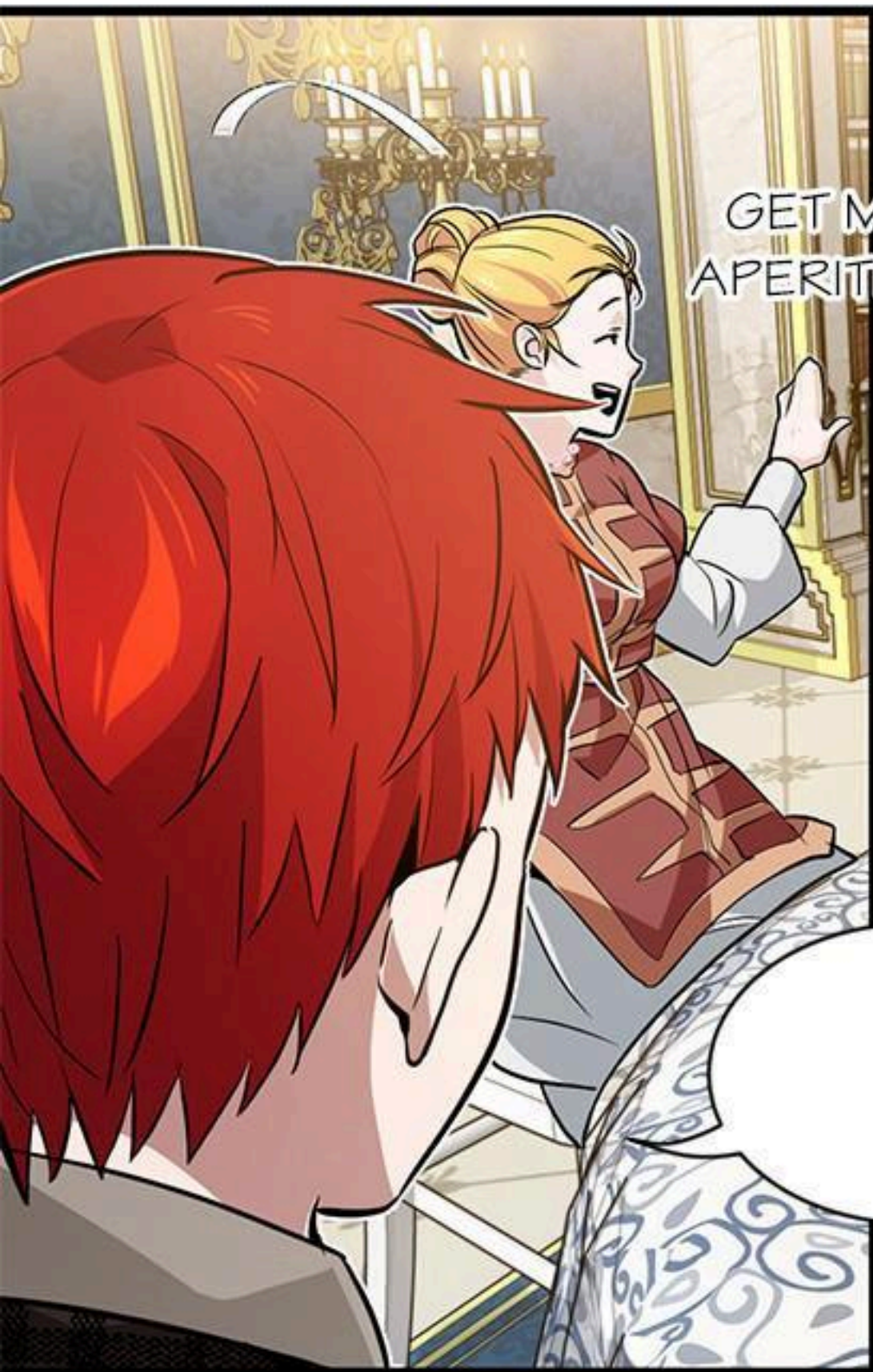


HEHE



I AM
GLAD TO HEAR
THAT.





GET ME AN
APERITIF, TOO.

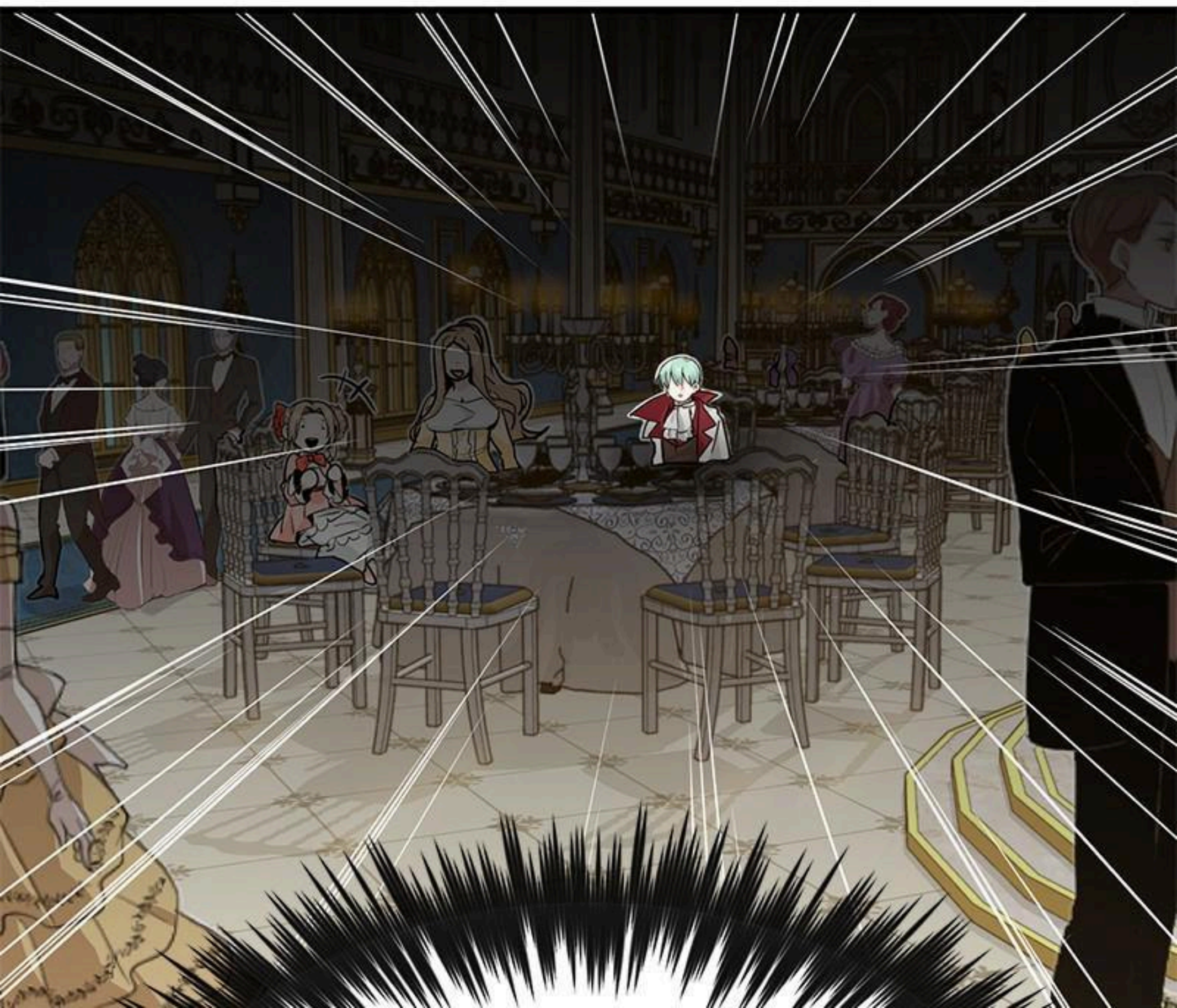
...

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I AM SORRY,
MOTHER.

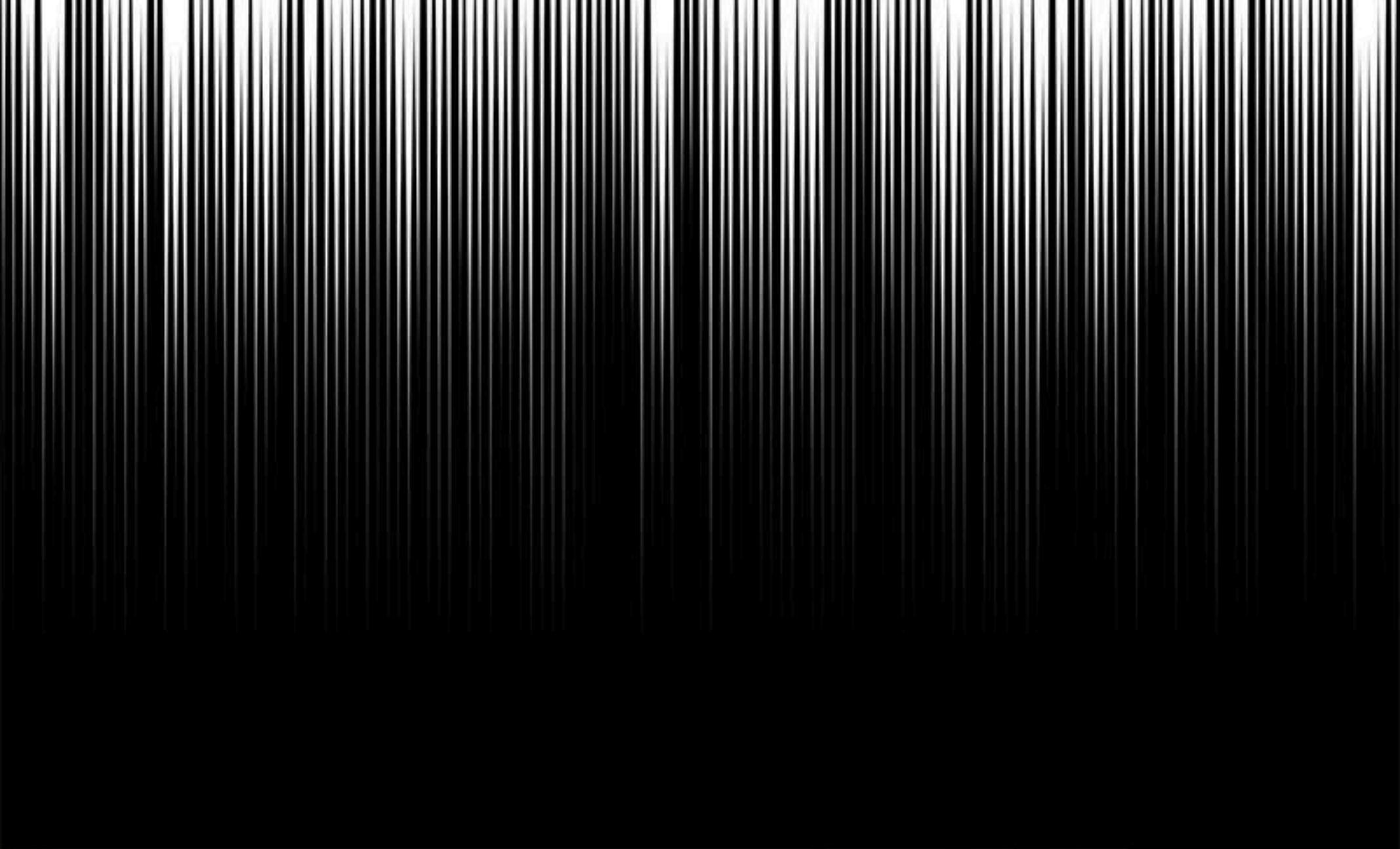
COLD







I HAVE NO INTENTION
OF BEFRIENDING A TWERP
LIKE HIM AT ALL.





I WILL MAKE
SURE HE BOWS DOWN
BEFORE ME.

THAT IS
THE ONLY WAY...

TAP





AS EXPECTED
OF MY SON.







...I WILL EARN FATHER'S
RECOGNITION!



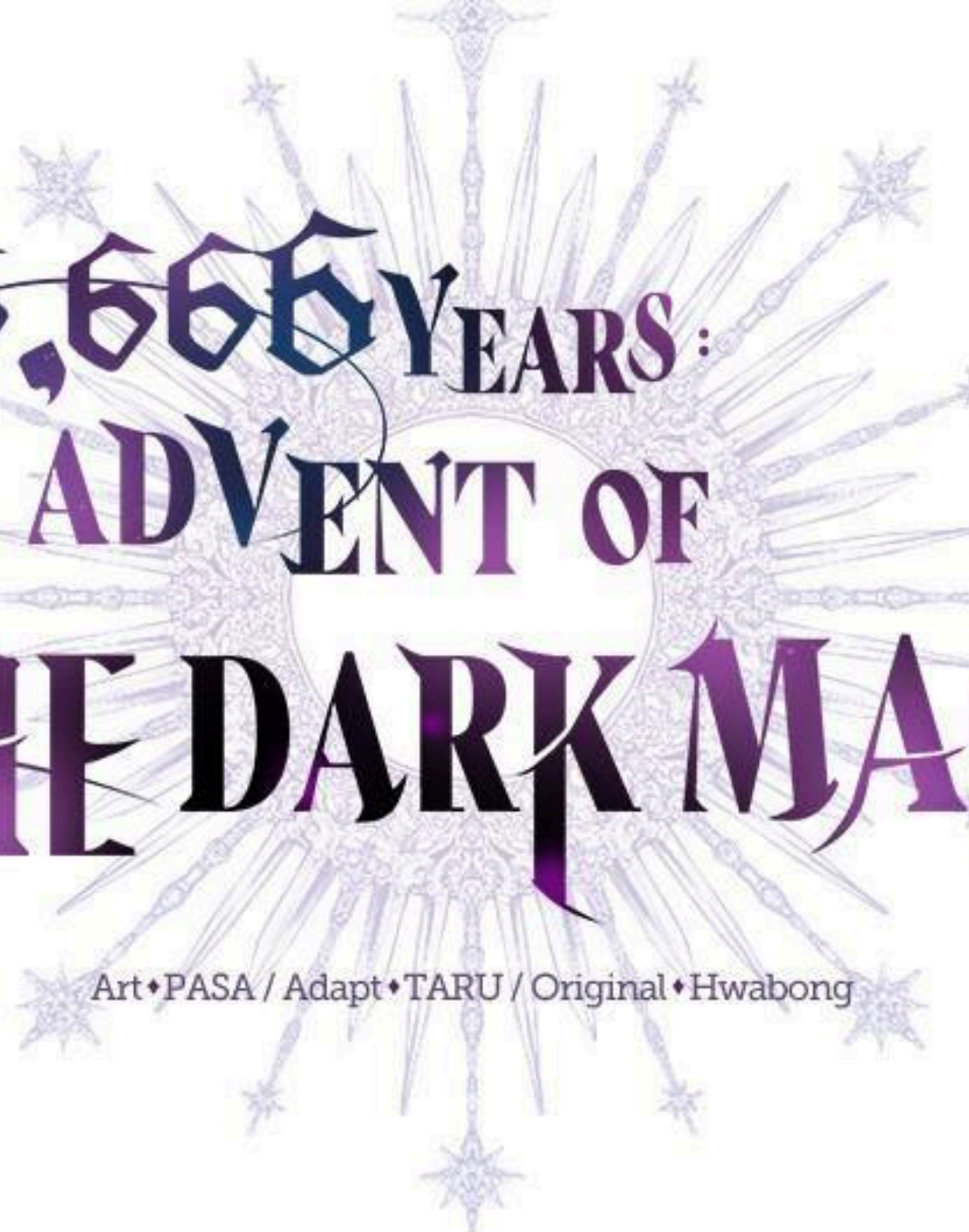
GRIN

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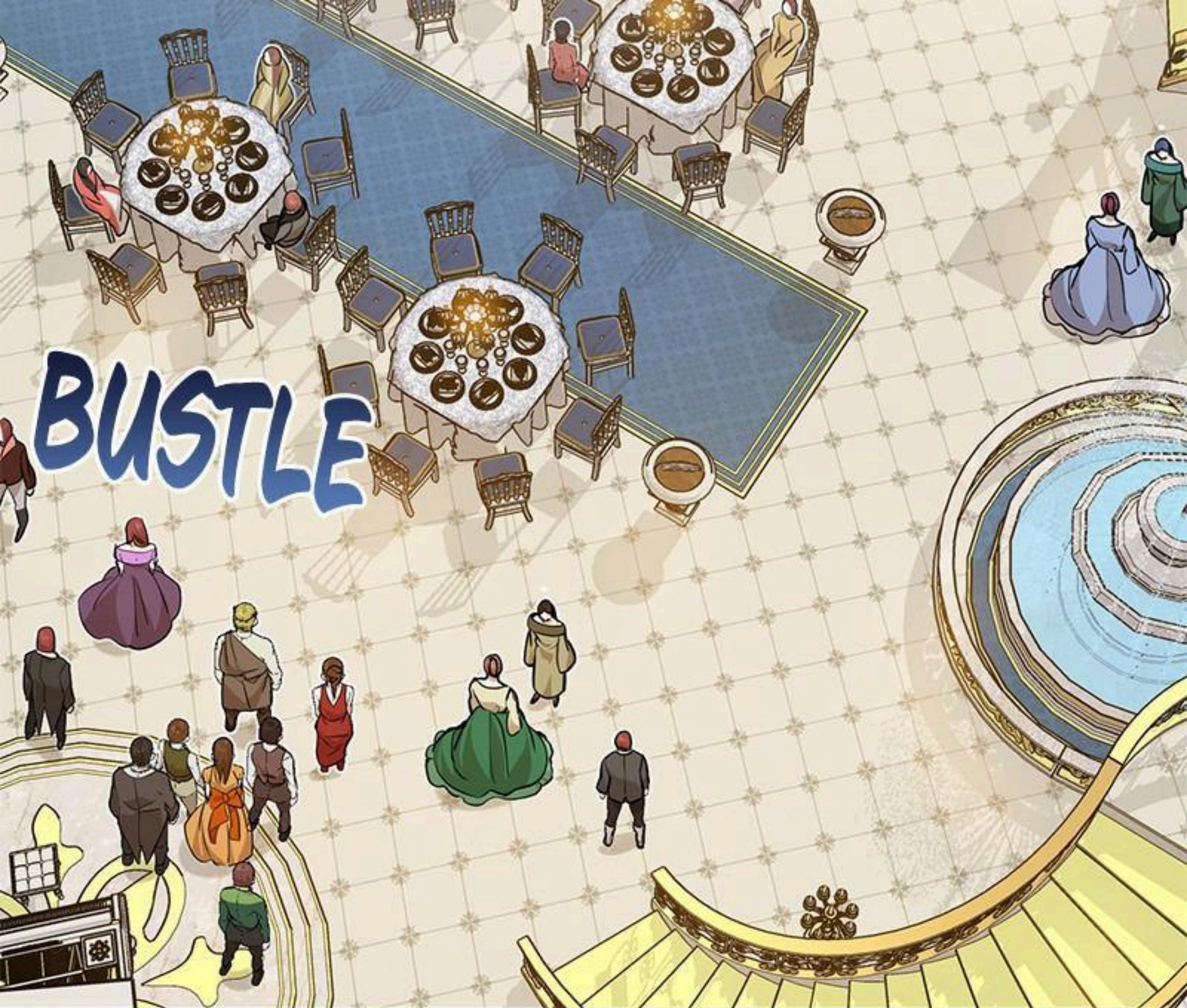
EVENTS AT THE BALL, PART 2





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CHATTER

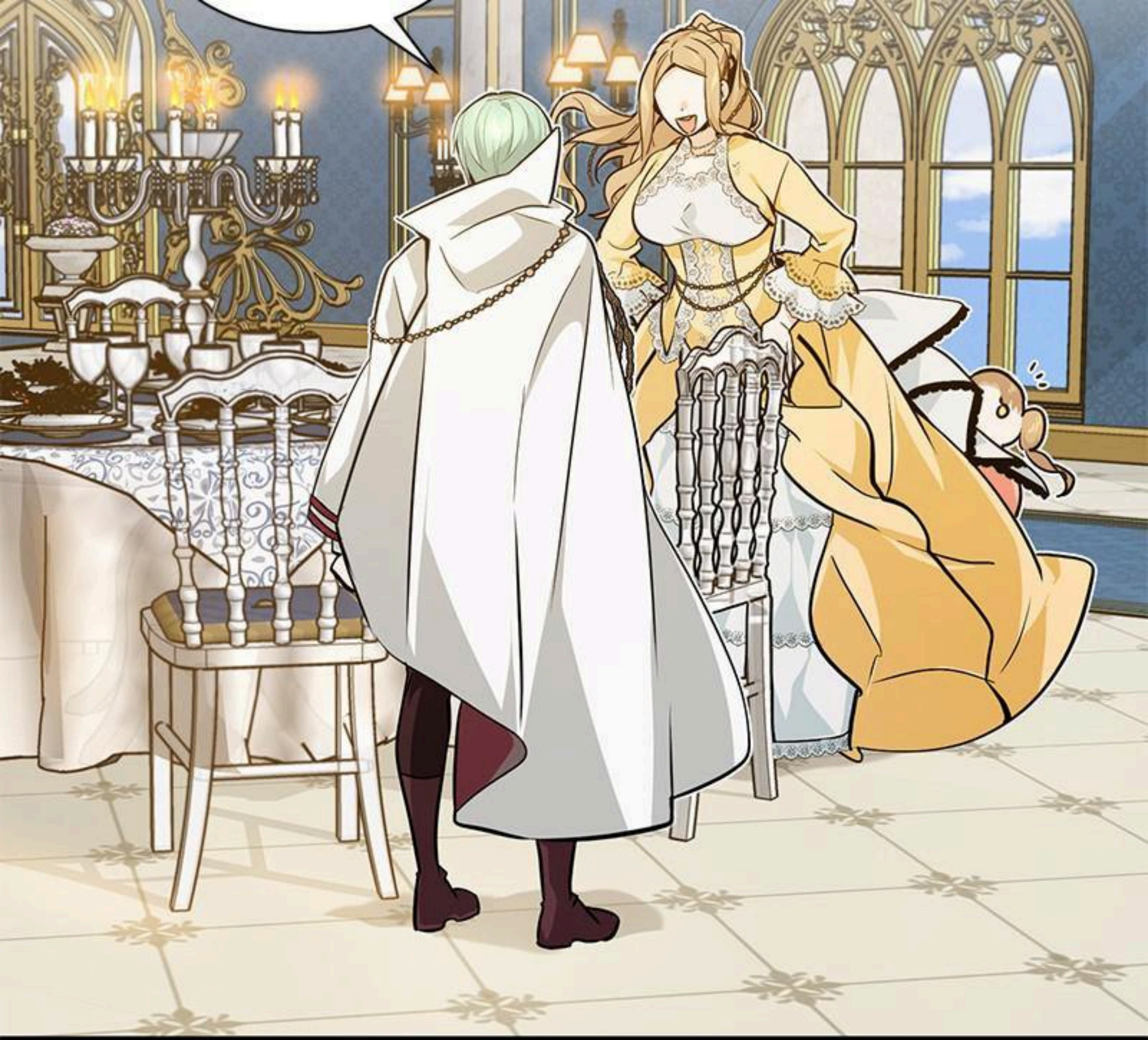


BUSTLE

The background of the comic panel shows a stylized, light-colored building with ornate architectural details, including a window with a flower box and decorative moldings. The scene is rendered in a soft, painterly style.

TRY TO MAKE
A LOT OF FRIENDS.
OKAY?

YES,
MOTHER.





AS IF I WOULD.
BUT I WILL CERTAINLY
MAKE USE OF THIS
ALONE TIME!

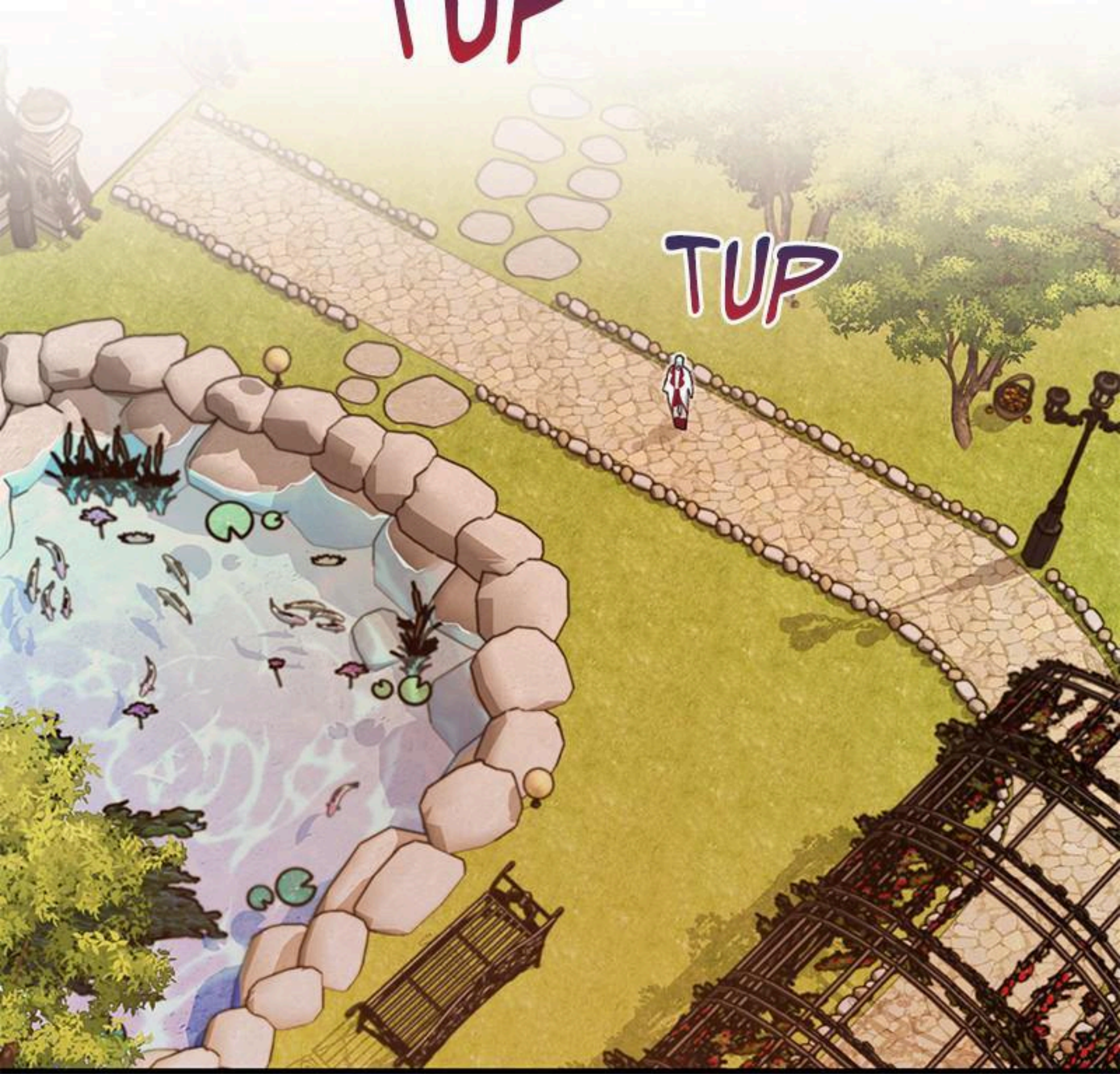
HAHA...





THERE HAS
TO BE A NICE AND
QUIET PLACE.

TIP



TWEET

TWEET



WHIZZ



AH!

HE MUST BE
QUITE TALENTED IN
DOING BUSINESS
AS WELL AS
MAGIC.



FLAP



LOOKING AT SIGNS
OF HAVING DEVELOPED
HIS TALENTS TO THE
MAXIMUM LIKE
THIS...

...I REALLY
CAN'T HELP BUT
LOOK FORWARD
TO-

FORWARD TO
WHAT?

WINGE



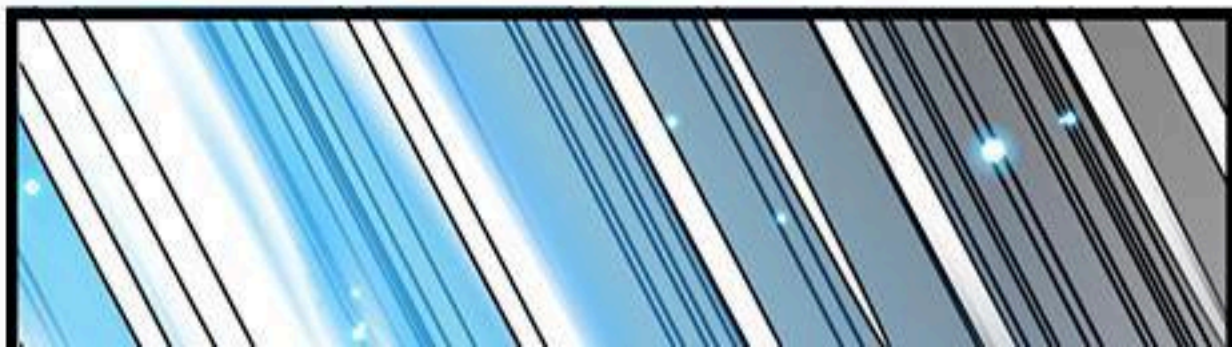
PSH





SHHH

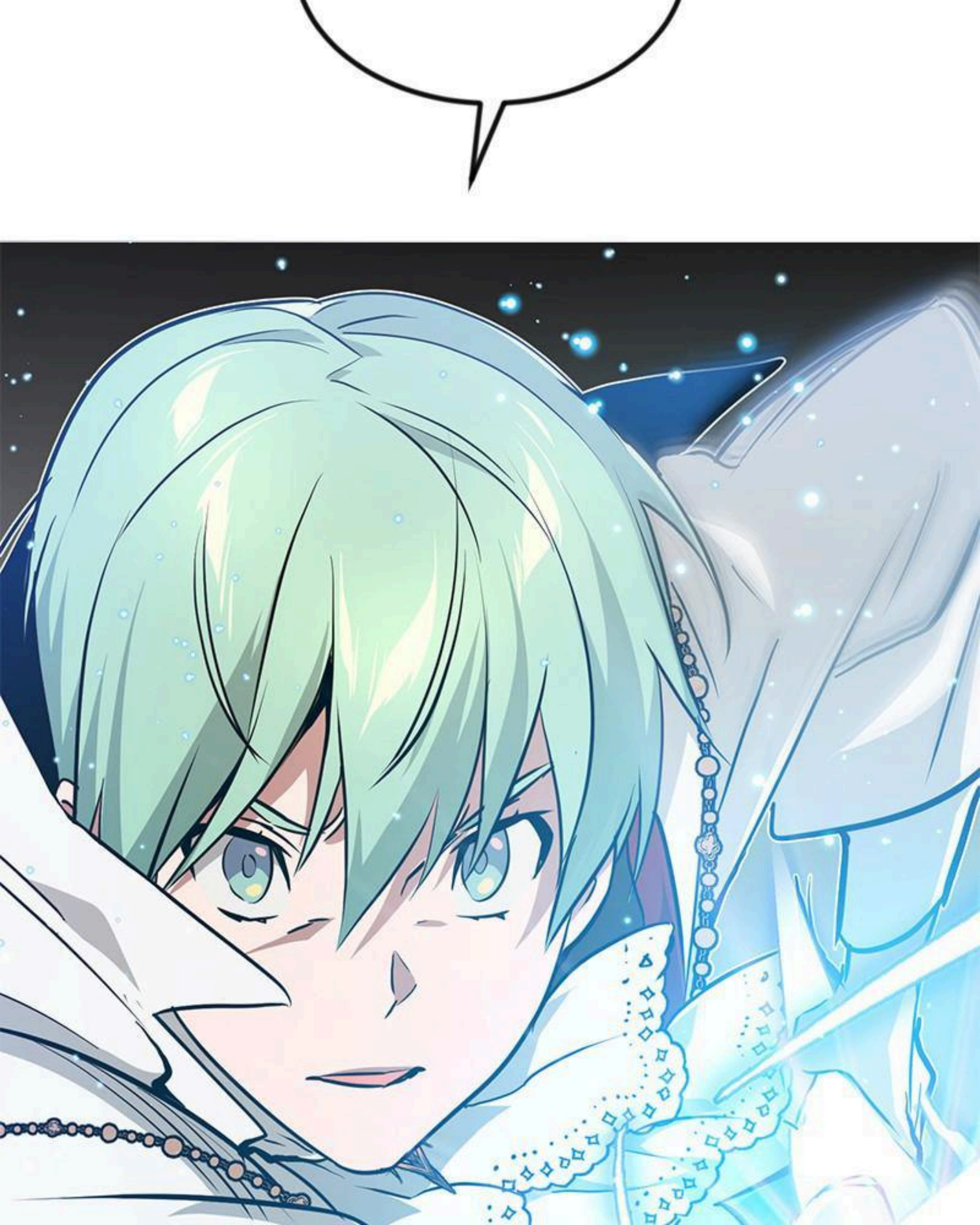








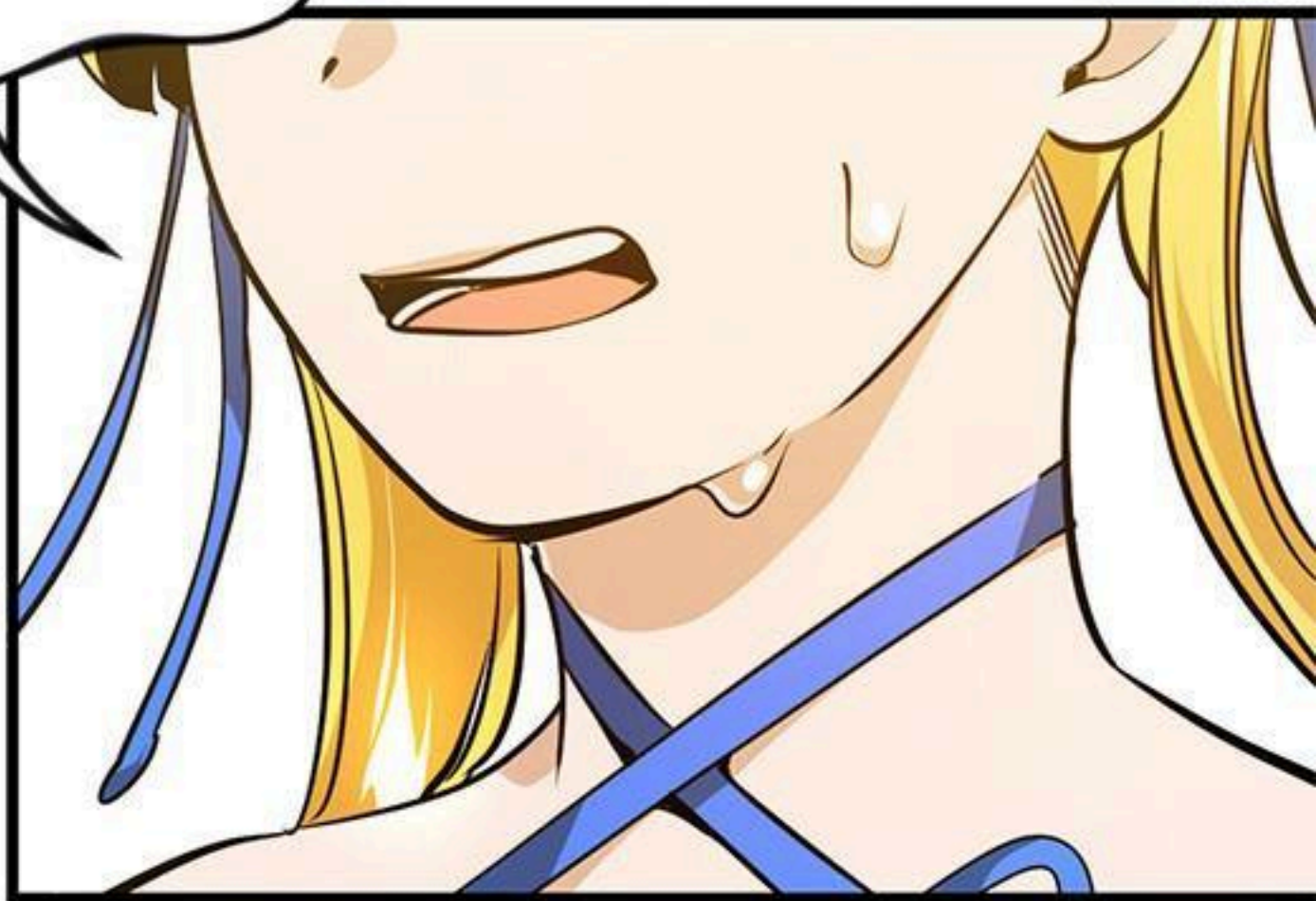
TSK!







WHEW... AH...



WHA-WHAT WAS
THAT FOR OUT OF
THE BLUE?!

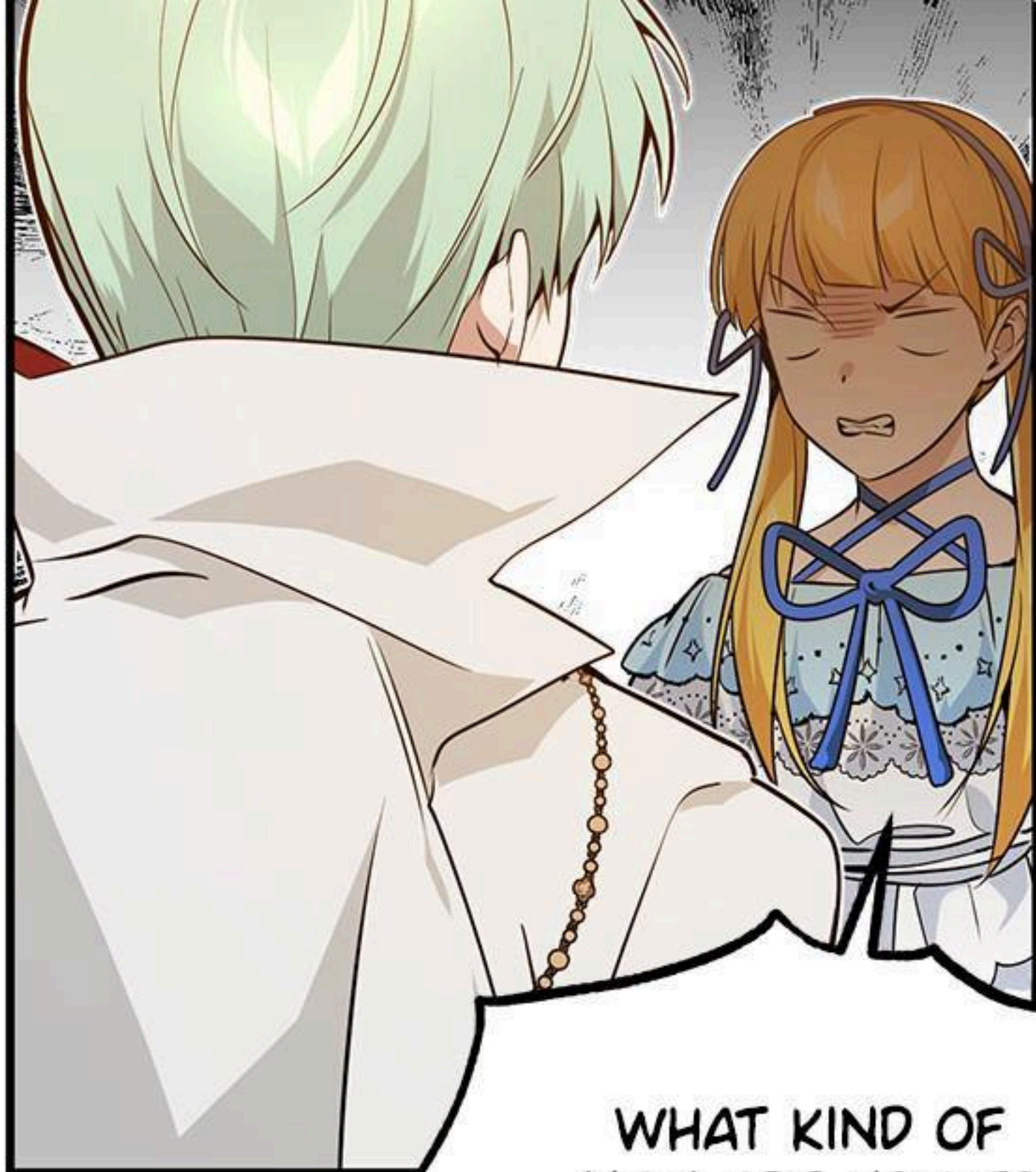
Sho!





OH, WHO WAS
IT THAT SPOKE TO
ME OUT OF THE
BLUE?

GRRR



WHAT KIND OF
MAN ARE YOU TO
ATTACK A LADY
LIKE THAT?!

YOU SHOULD

BE THANKFUL I
DIDN'T STAB THE
LADY.

UGH...

SO WHO THE HELL
ARE YOU?





HOW DID YOU
APPEAR FROM BEHIND
ME?

ME? SO YOU
WANT TO KNOW
WHO I AM?





HMM. SHOULD
I TELL YOU? I MEAN,
I KINDA DON'T WANT TO,
SEEING YOU GET SO
STARTLED LIKE
THAT.

ANNOYING.
HOW SHE COMPLETELY
WENT UNDETECTED FROM

WENT UNDETECTED FROM
ME AND THE MANNER IN
WHICH SHE SPEAKS...
ARE ALL GETTING
ON MY NERVES.



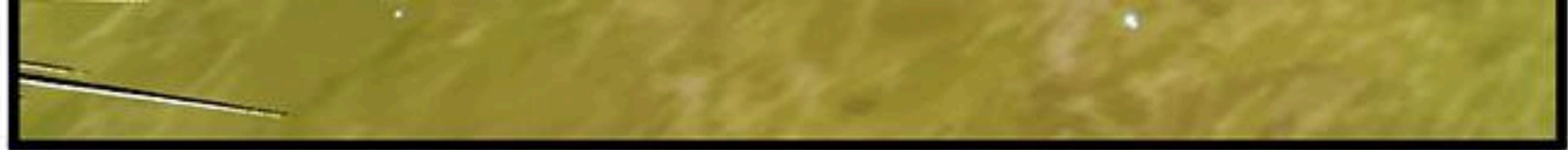
I AM IN NO
MOOD TO PLAY
YOUR GAME.

WHOOSH

YOU SEE.

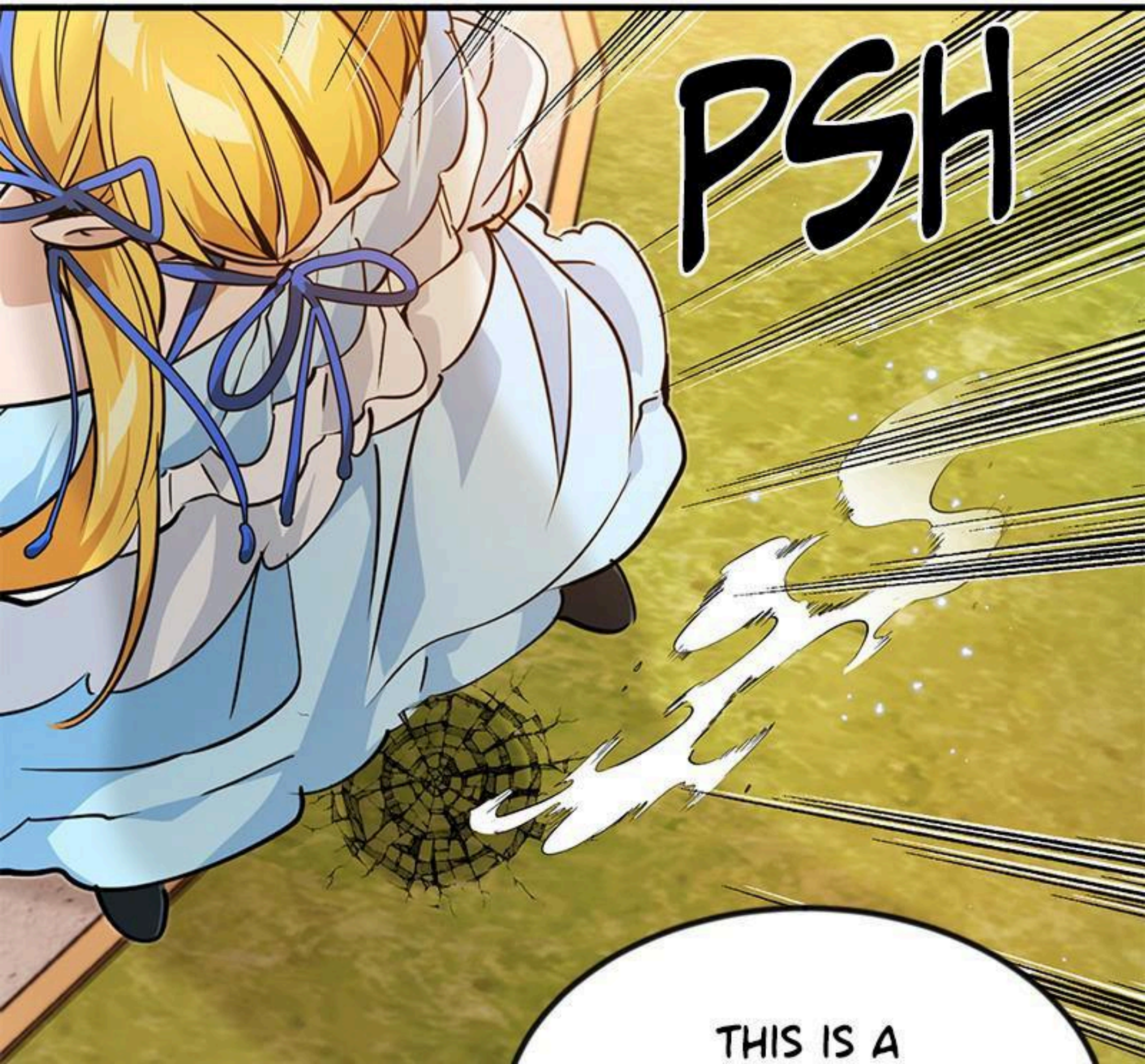
RING





SHIVER





PSH

THIS IS A

RANK 2 SPELL
CALLED AIR
BULLET.

IT CAN EASILY
PIERCE THROUGH
THE SKIN OF SOMEONE
WITH LOW MAGIC
RESISTANCE.

SHHH



A LITTLE
CHILD WOULD BE
A PERFECT EXAMPLE
OF THAT.

WHA-WHAT THE...?!
IS HE ACTUALLY SERIOUS?!

EEK!





STILL CONTEMPLATING
ABOUT ANSWERING MY
QUESTIONS?

DA DUN

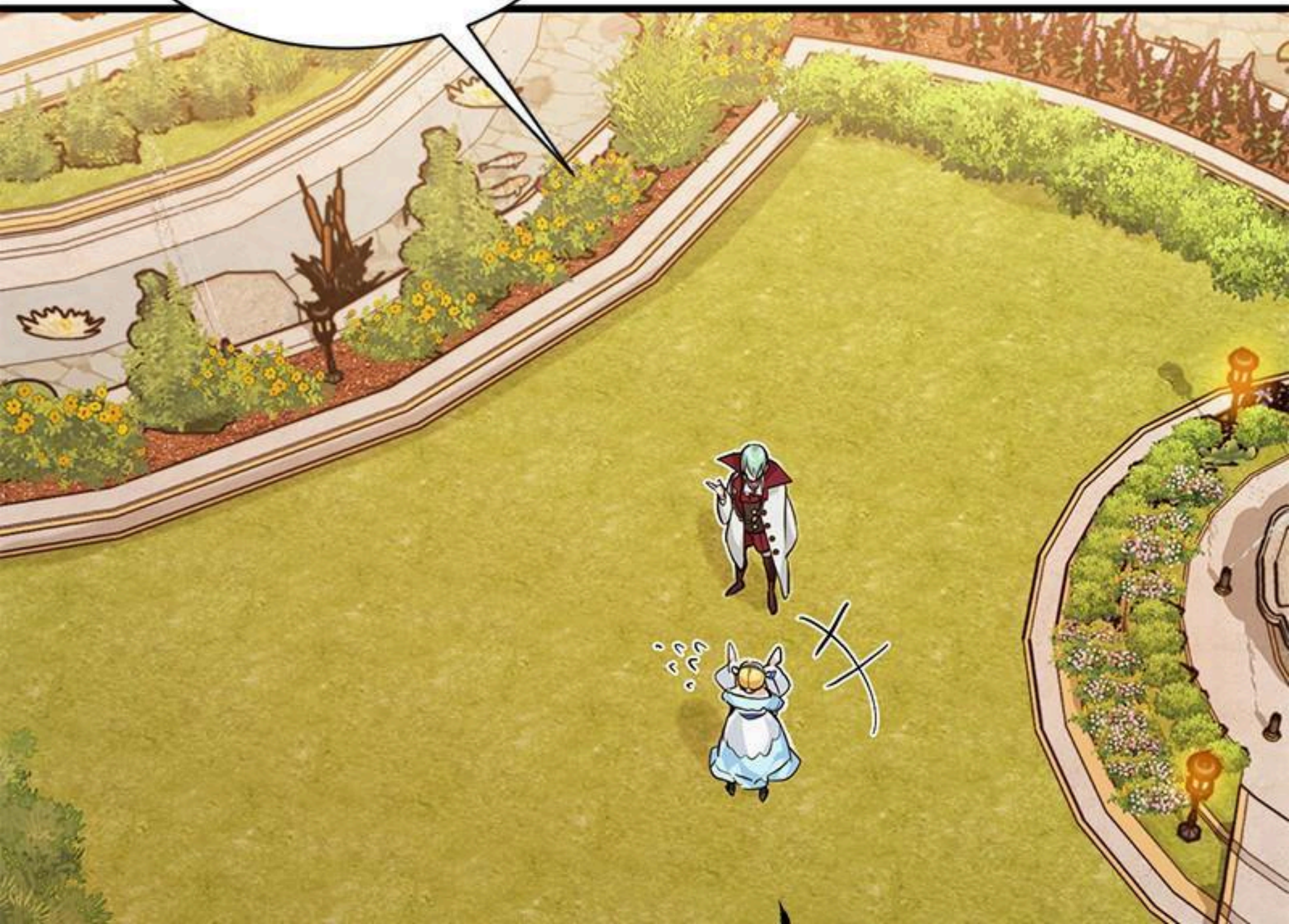
WAIT! NO!
I'D LOVE TO!
JUST DON'T!

WAAAA





THEN HURRY
UP, BEFORE I LOSE
MY PATIENCE!





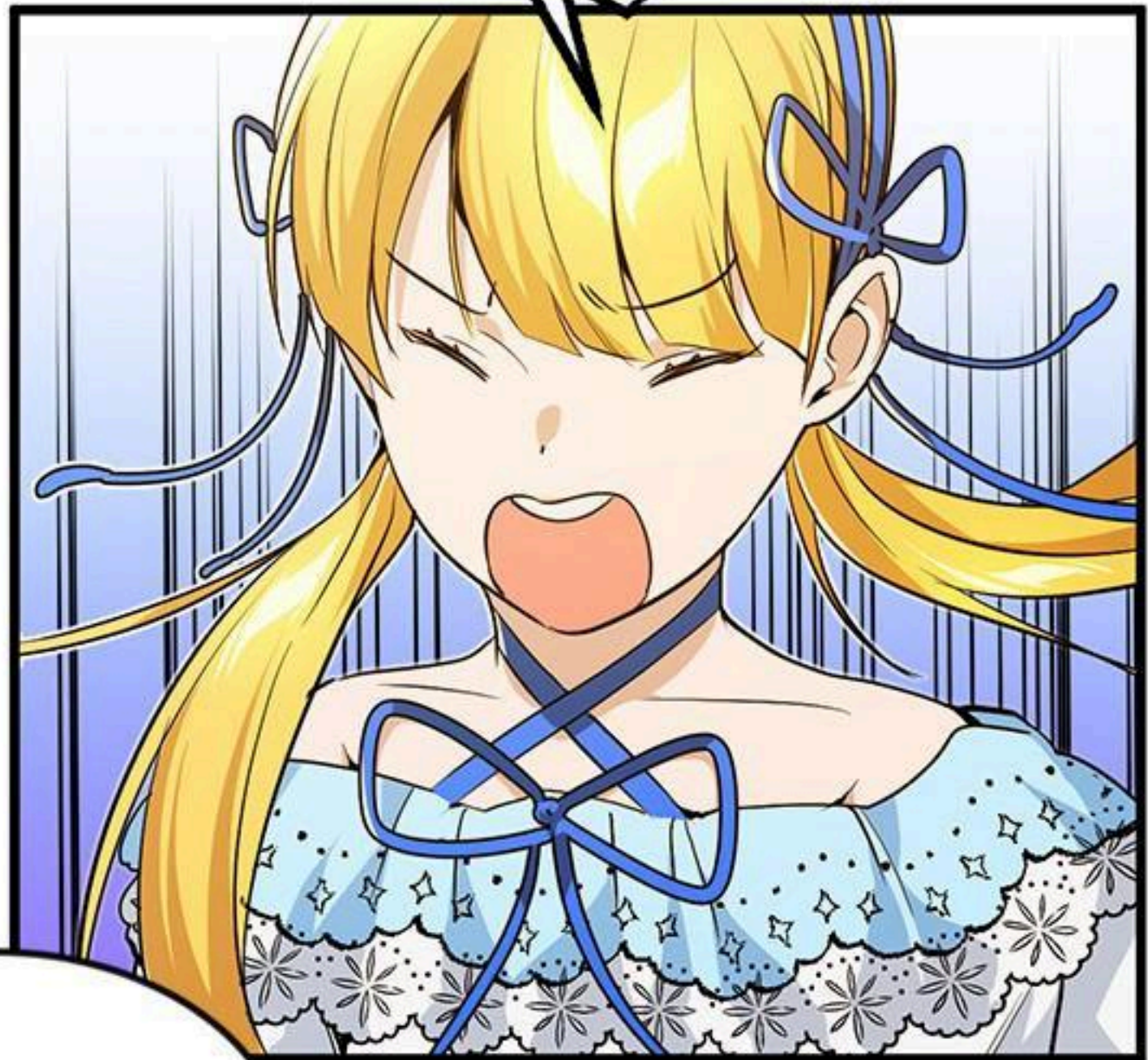
WAH

I-I AM ASH!
ASH BALLET!

BALLET? OF THE
VISCOUNT BALLET'S
HOUSEHOLD?

SHOUT


YES! I AM THE
SECOND ELDEST DAUGHTER
TO THE BALLET HOUSEHOLD,
AND AN ELEMENTALIST!



ELEMENTALIST?



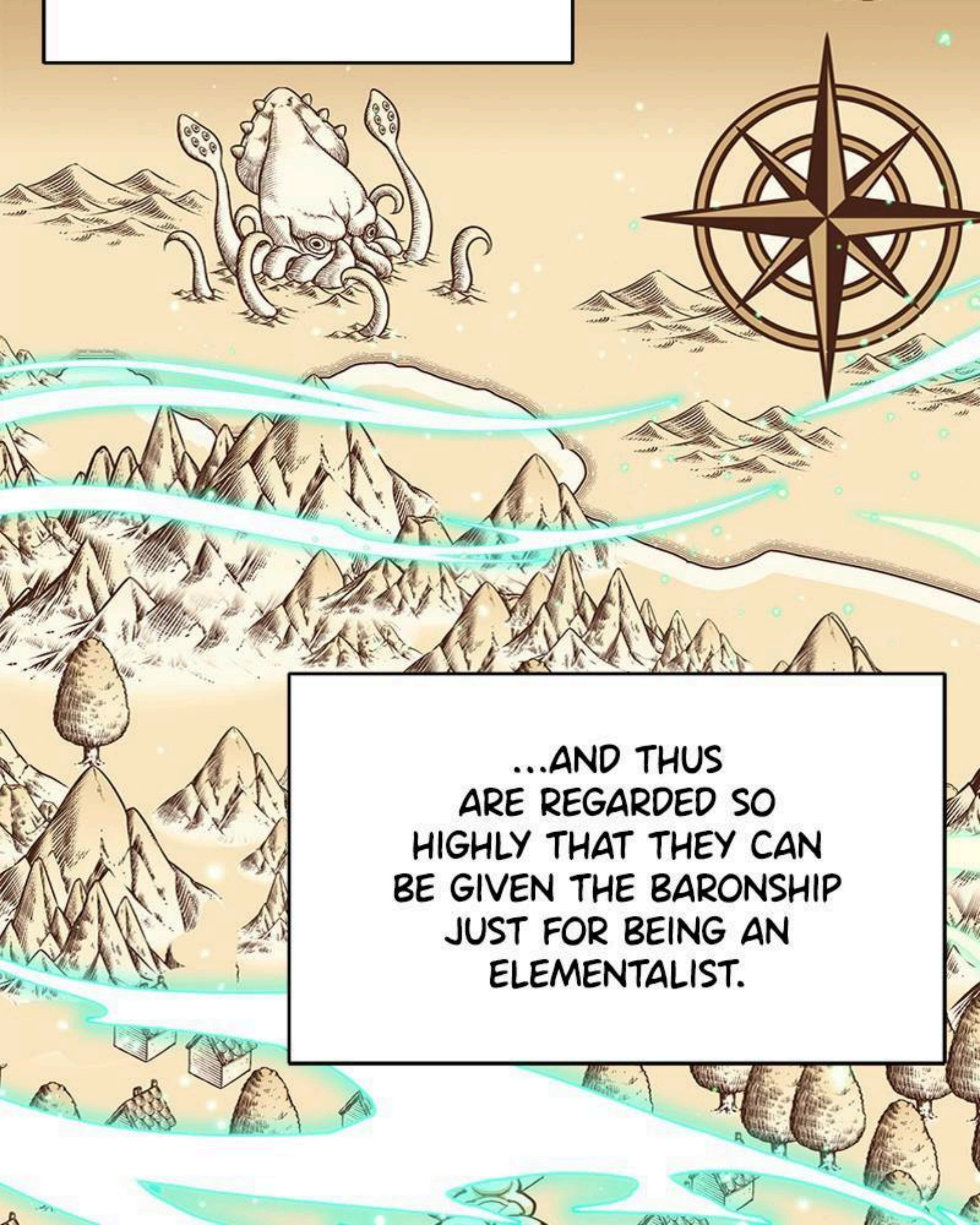
ELEMENTALIST



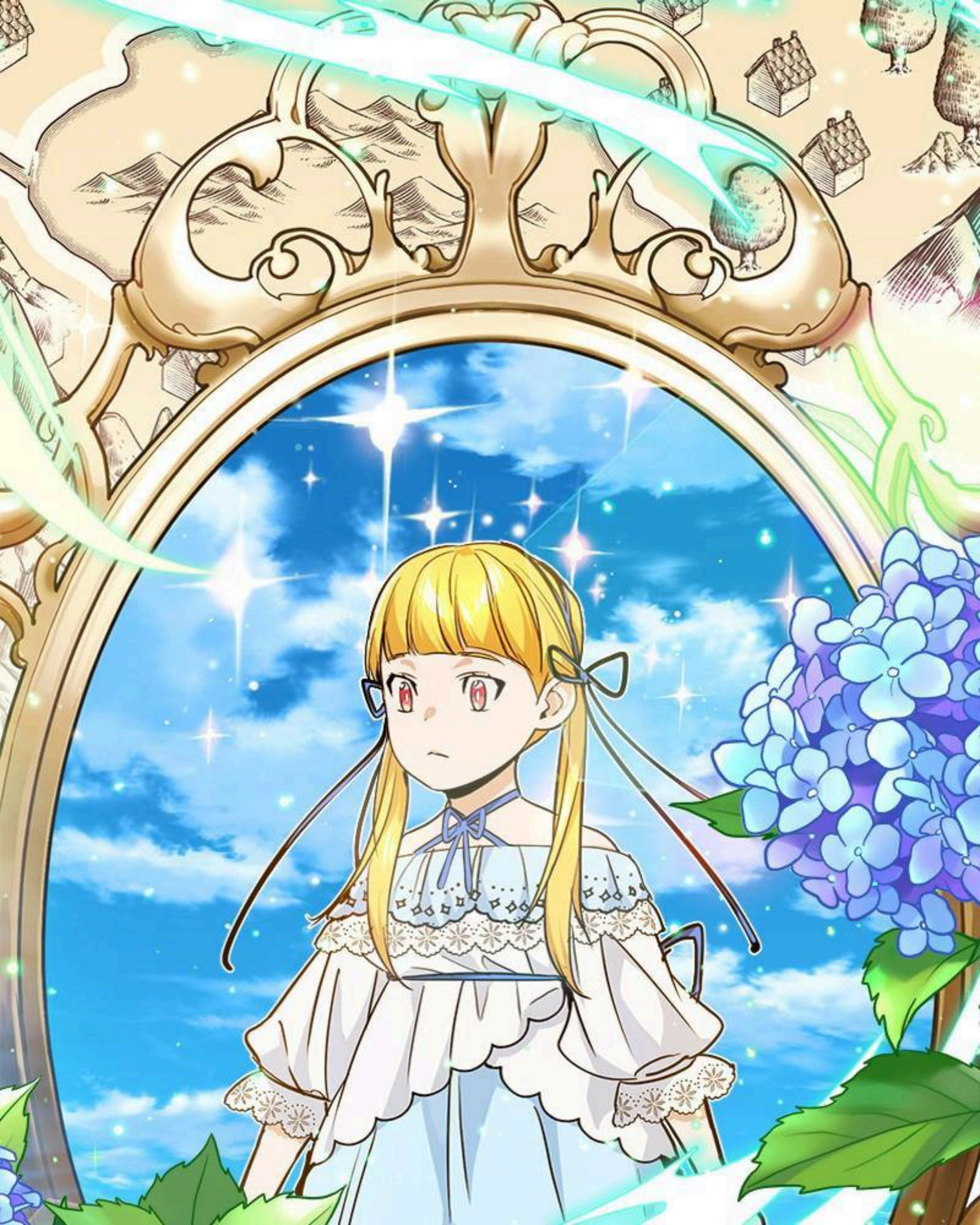
IT IS A TERM REFERRING
TO CASTERS THAT HAVE SIGNED A
CONTRACT WITH A SPIRIT ELEMENTAL,
MYSTICAL BEINGS BORN
OF NATURE.

ELEMENTALISTS
ARE RARE IN THE ENTIRE
CONTINENT...





...AND THUS
ARE REGARDED SO
HIGHLY THAT THEY CAN
BE GIVEN THE BARONSHIP
JUST FOR BEING AN
ELEMENTALIST.





BUT... A YOUNG GIRL
LIKE HER IS AN ELEMENTALIST?

I SEE.
THE SPIRIT OF WIND.
THAT IS HOW SHE WAS
ABLE TO CATCH ME
OFF GUARD.





ALTHOUGH...
EVEN A SPIRIT WOULD
NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO
STAY HIDDEN IF I WAS STILL
IN MY PRIME.


STILL
INCREDIBLE.
SHE APPEARS TO BE
AROUND MY AGE AT MAX,
BUT IS ALREADY AN
ELEMENTALIST.

?






ELEMENTALISTS
NORMALLY BEGIN THEIR
TRAINING AFTER THE AGE
OF TEN TO DEVELOP THEIR
AFFINITY WITH NATURE...
BUT I COULD SAY SHE
WAS BORN WITH
A GIFT.

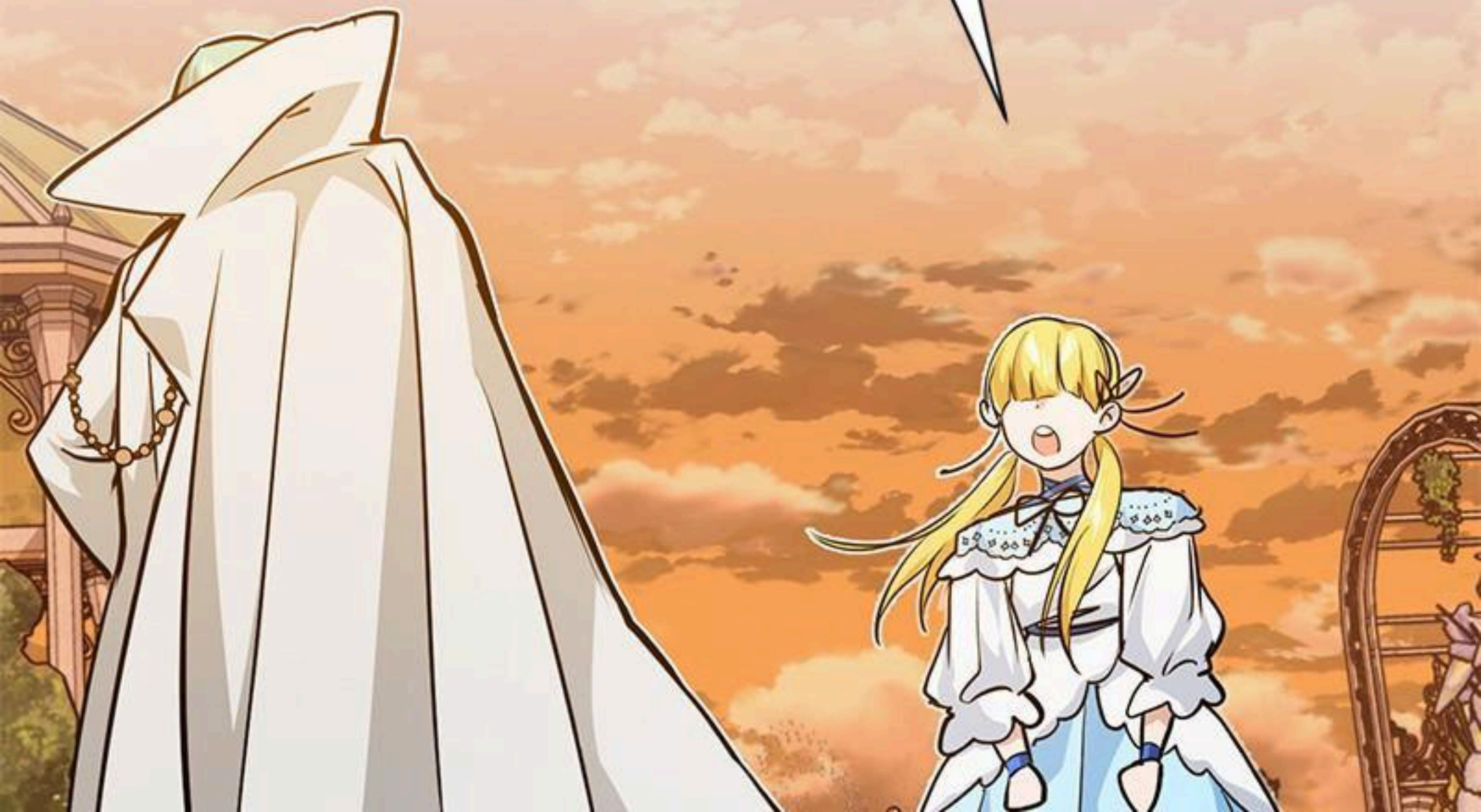


SHE MAY EVEN
SIGN A CONTRACT WITH
A KING IN THE FUTURE,
WITH PROPER
TRAINING.



HEY! YOU
ASKED ME FOR MY
NAME, SO WHY DON'T
YOU TELL ME
YOURS?

WHO ARE YOU,
THAT YOU USE SUCH
DANGEROUS
SPELLS?





ME?



What

AH...

INTERROGATING
ME RIGHT AFTER
SHE REVEALS HER
DENTITY?

SHE IS FEISTY,
AT THE VERY

AT THE VERY
LEAST.

YES, YOU!
WHO ELSE IS HERE
BESIDES YOU
AND ME?







MY NAME IS
JAMIE WELTON, HEIR
TO THE WELTON
HOUSEHOLD.



PLEASURE
TO MEET YOU, ASH
BALLET.





ANOTHER BIT
OF INFORMATION
ABOUT THE BALLET
HOUSEHOLD...

HUH?



...IS THAT
VISCOUNT BALLET
IS A LOYAL SERVANT
TO EARL WELTON.

WHAT?!!



COUGH

HURK

COUGH



COUGH

PANT

PANT



I LEFT YOU GUYS ALONE
BECAUSE IT DIDN'T CONCERN ME,
AND THERE WAS A BIT OF
PROFIT TO BE GAINED.



HURK

HURK

COUGH



HURK

COUGH

BUT...
HOW DARE
YOU RUN A HUMAN
TRAFFICKING OPERATION
IN MY LAND!

TAP



COUGH

UNLESS YOU HAVE
FINALLY LOST IT AND
WISH FOR NOTHING
BUT DEATH.





IS IT DEATH YOU
WANT? I'LL GRANT
YOUR WISH THEN.

COLD



EXAMPLE

3 GRADE UP

TREMBLE

S-SPARE... US...



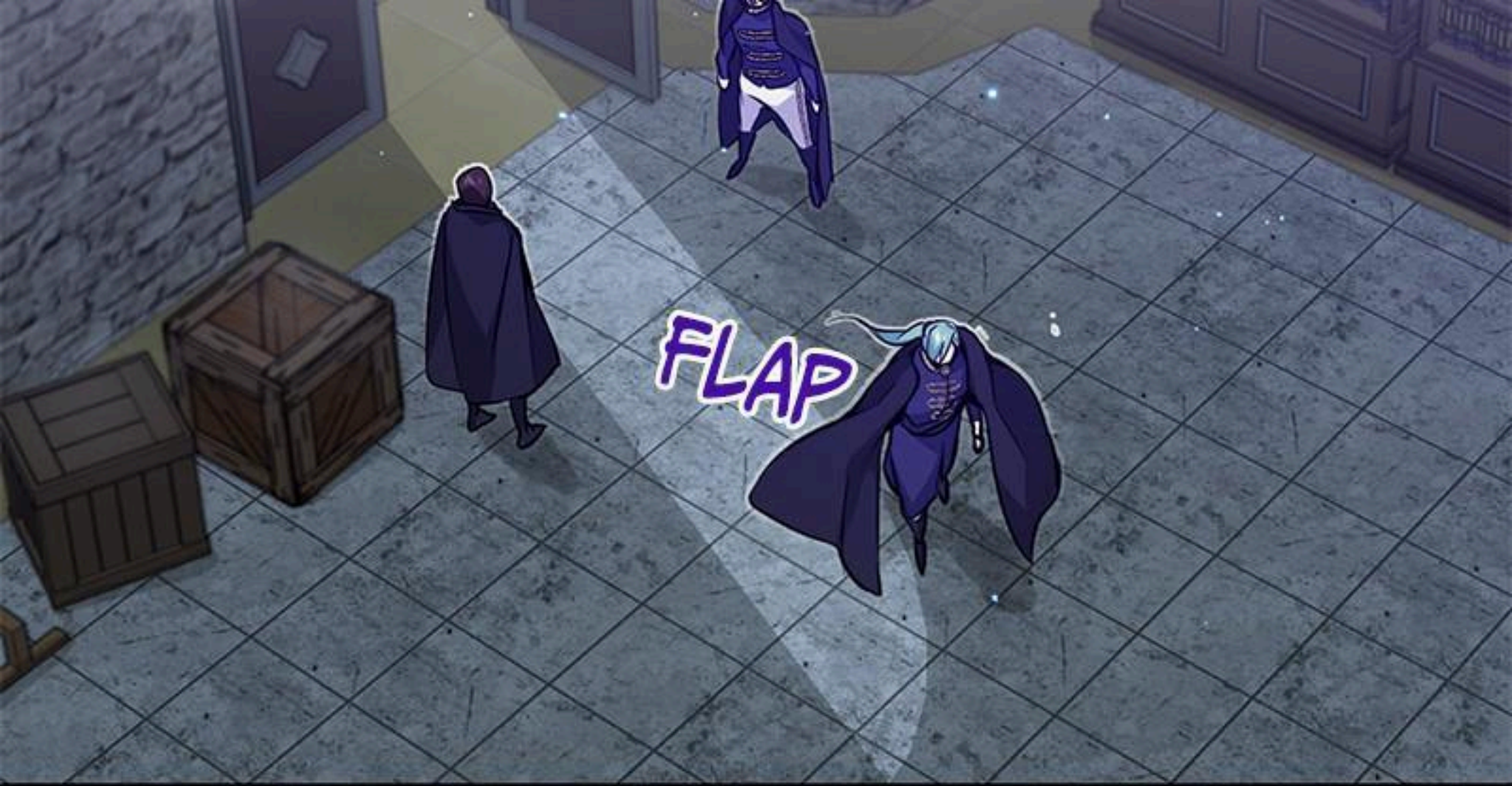
HANG HIM
TOMORROW.

SWING

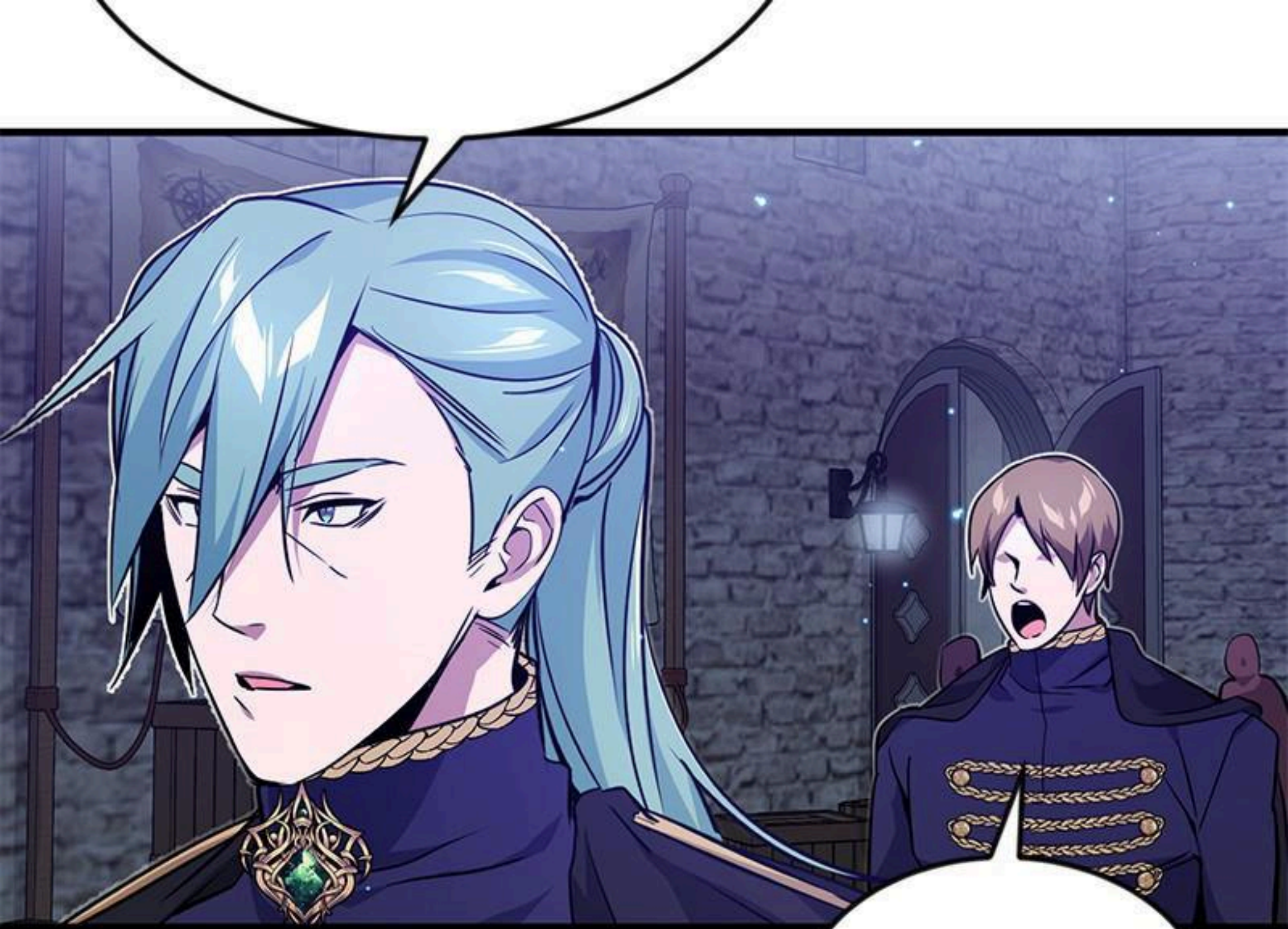


A character with pink hair is standing in a large, dimly lit library. The room has high stone walls and a vaulted ceiling. On the left, there are tall, arched bookshelves filled with books, and a small lamp is visible. On the right, there are more bookshelves, some of which are open, revealing books. The character is looking up and speaking, with a large speech bubble above their head.

YES, SIR!

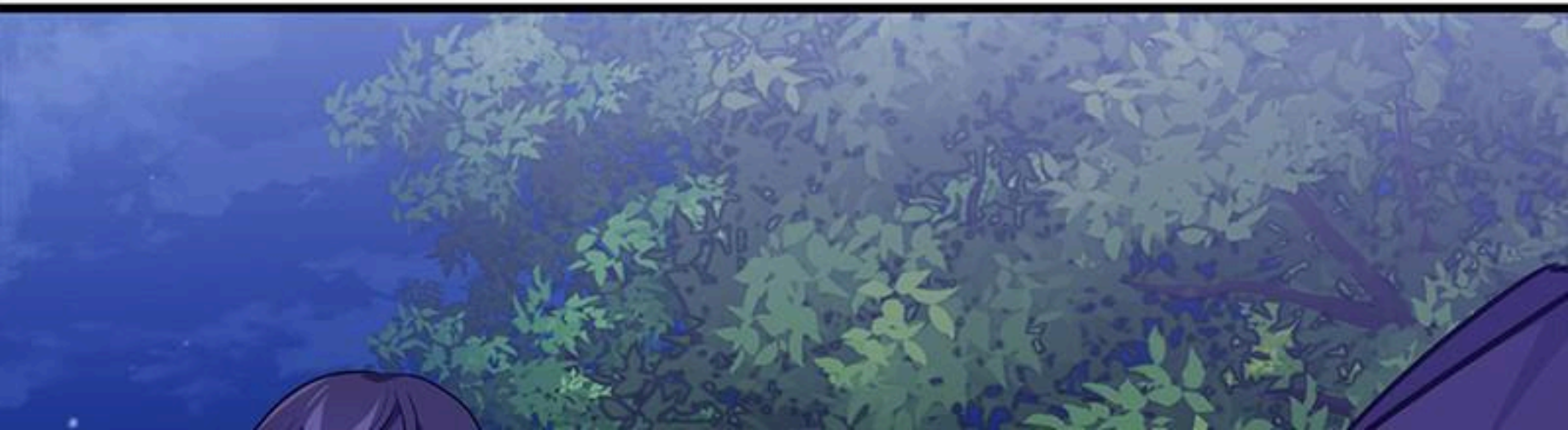


GET THE
CARRIAGE READY.
I WILL DEPART
AT ONCE.



YES, SIR!







SOB... BOSS...

DAMN IT!



REBAL HAS FAILED.
GET READY FOR THE
ALTERNATE PLAN.

CRASH







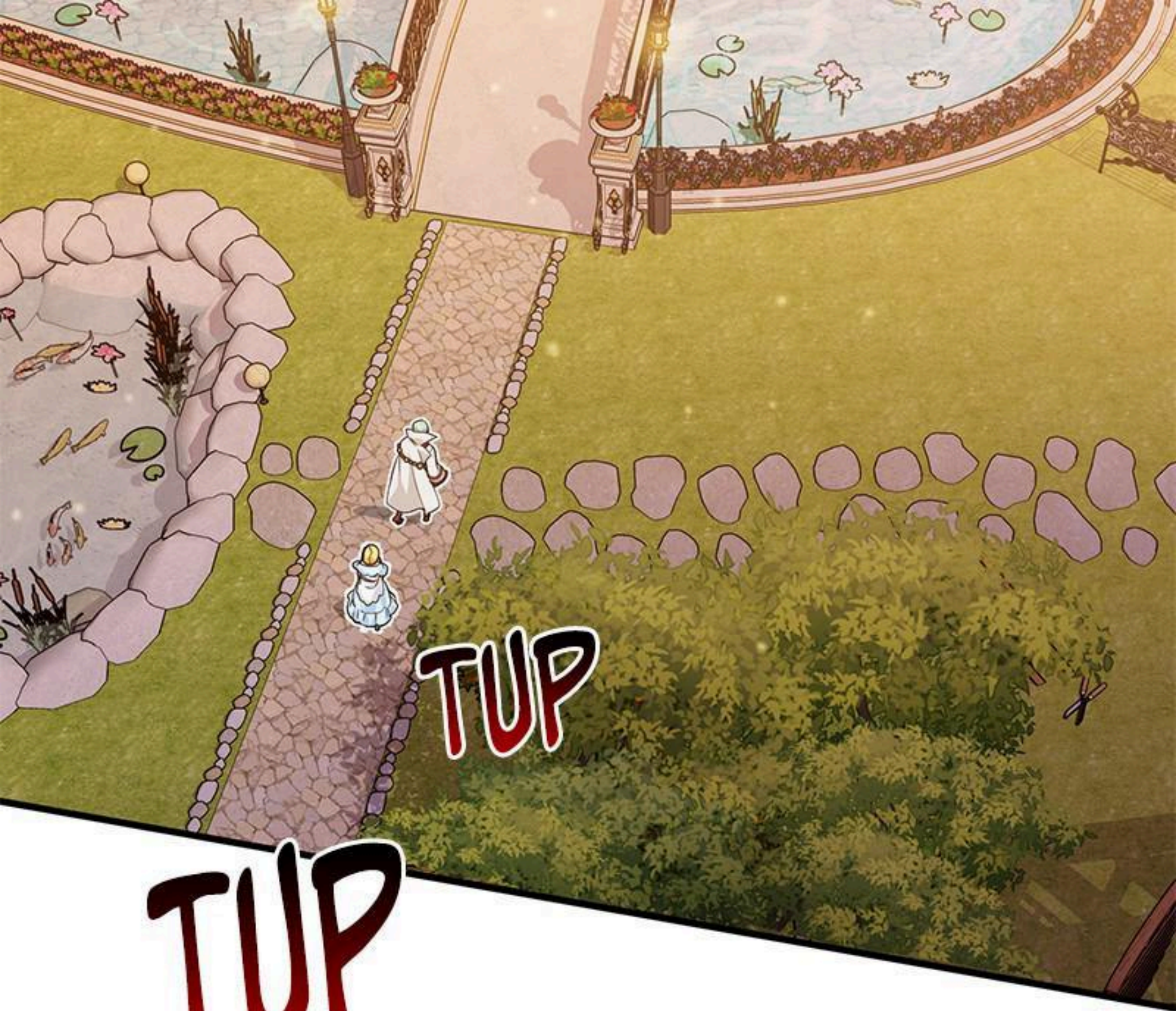
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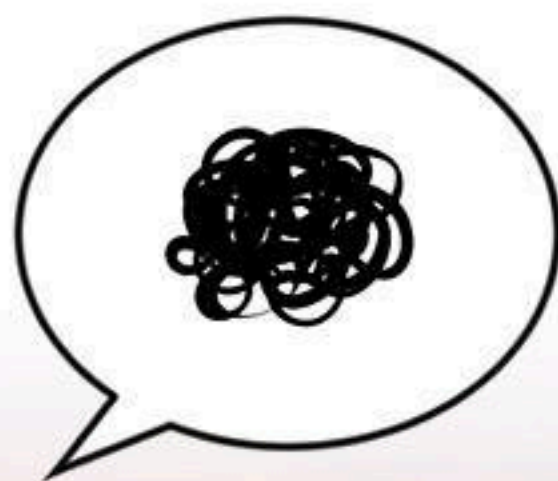
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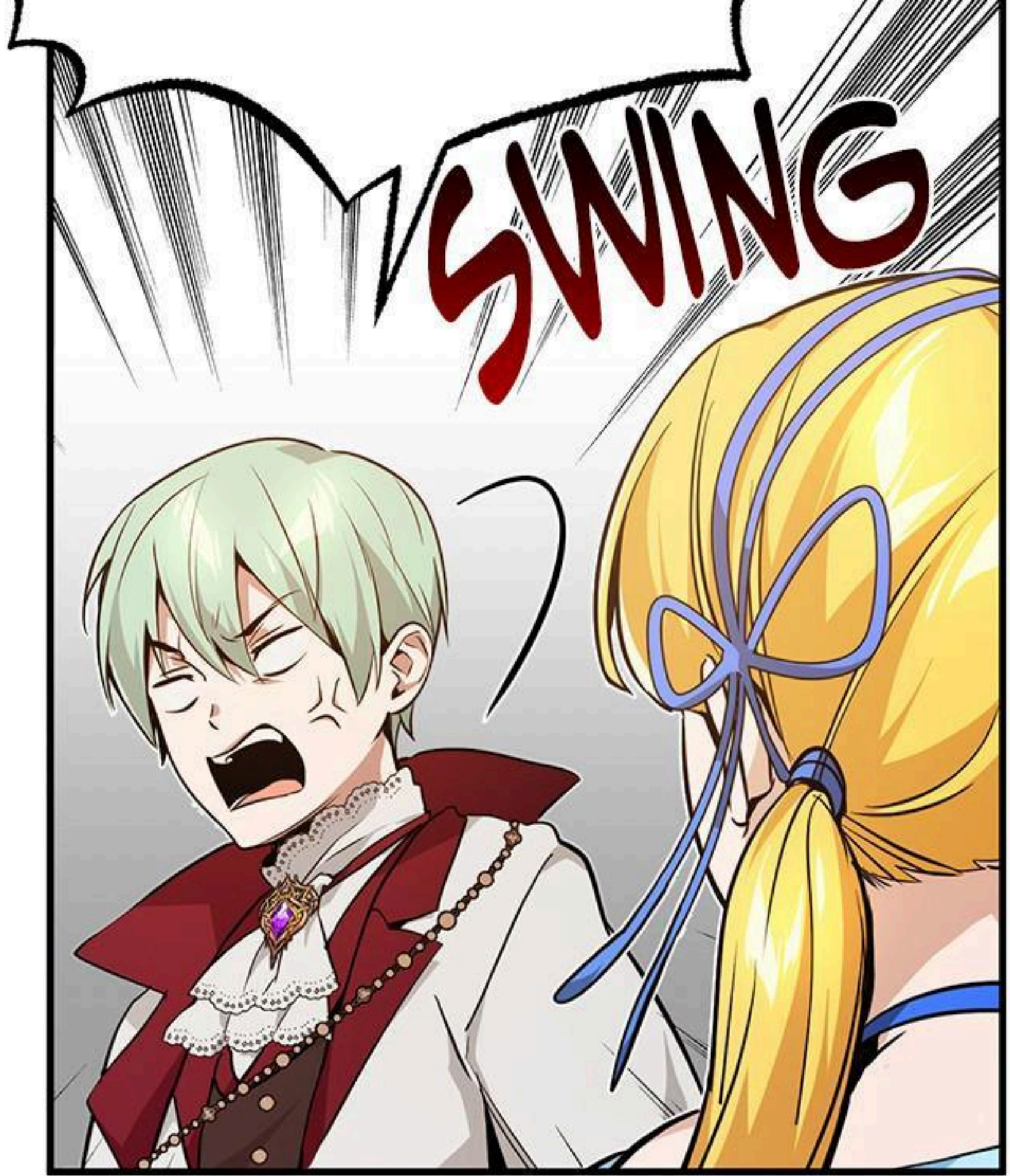


SNOOPING

AROUND



WHY THE HELL
ARE YOU FOLLOWING
ME?!



YOUR FATHER
SERVING MY FATHER
HAS NOTHING TO DO
WITH YOU AND ME!





BUT... STILL...
SIR.

DROOP



AND STOP
WITH THAT STUPID
"SIR."

I AM HEADING
INSIDE. STOP FOLLOWING-

GRAB





ARGH...
YOU LITTLE...

STOP



ANGRY



JUST WHY ARE YOU
PESTERING ME?!

BE-BECAUSE
I'VE NEVER MET
ANYONE AROUND MY
AGE BEFORE!!

SHOUT





I WANT TO
BE FRIENDS WITH
YOU, SIR!

WHAT?!



FRIENDS?



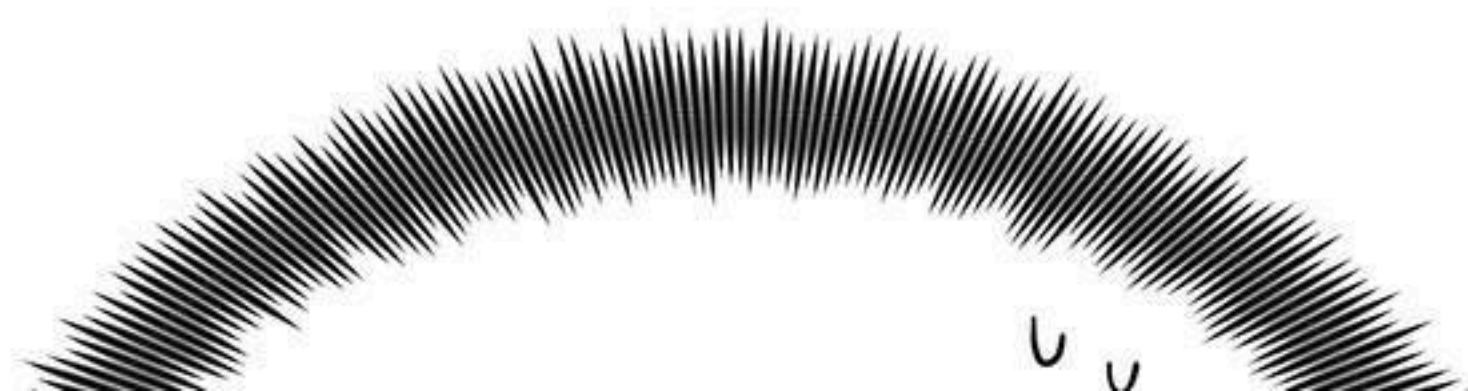
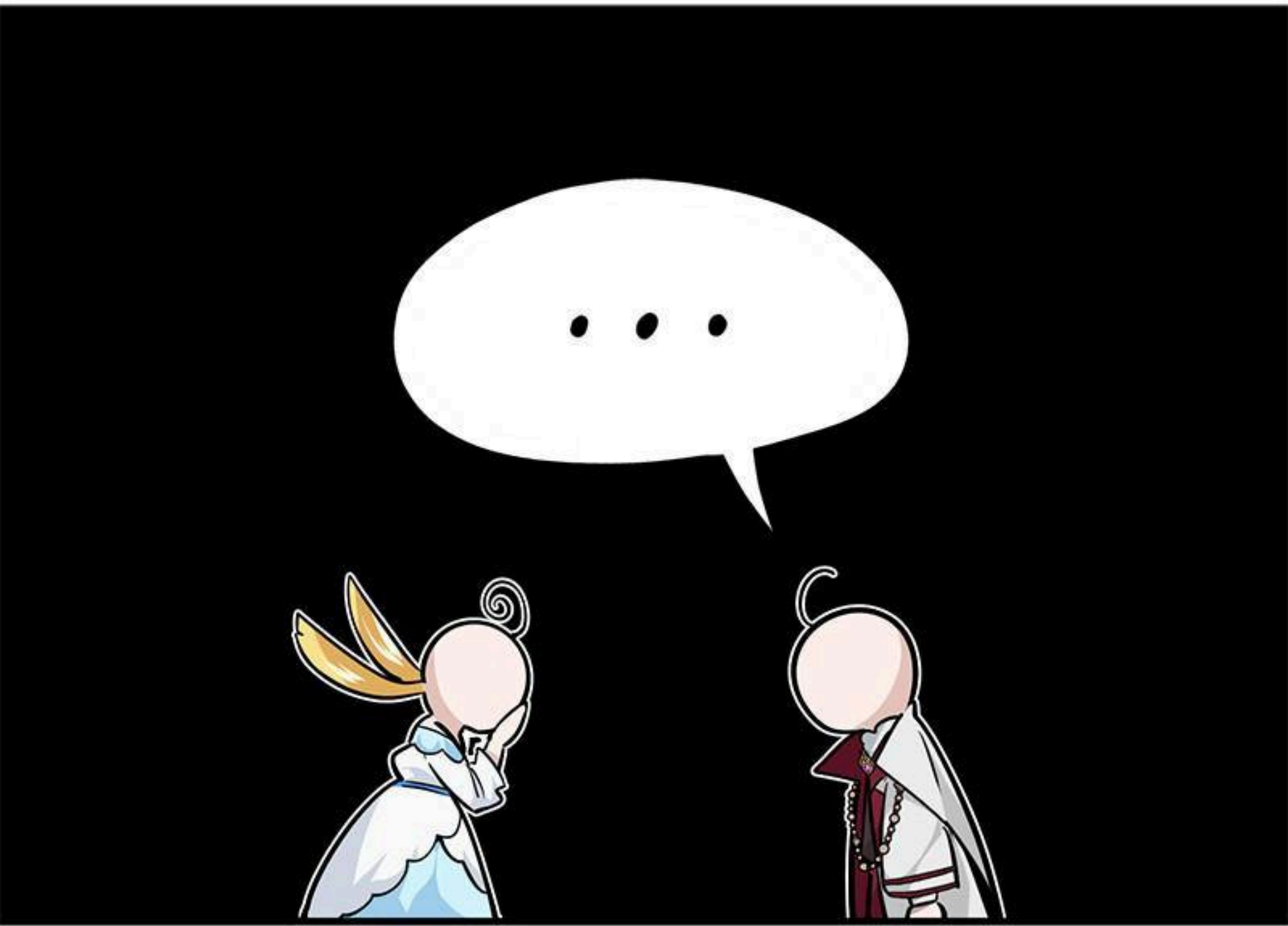
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ART OF MAKING FRIENDS





I... ABSOLUTELY
DID NOT SEE THAT
COMING.

IF IT WAS AN
UNDERLING SHE WANTED,
I WOULD UNDERSTAND.
BUT WHY WOULD
ANYONE WANT
A FRIEND?





WELL...
PERHAPS MAKING
FRIENDS IS IMPORTANT
FOR A LITTLE KID
LIKE HER.

SIGH





TEARY

BUT THAT'S NONE
OF MY BUSINESS.

LOOK FOR
SOMEONE ELSE.
I DON'T MAKE
FRIENDS.





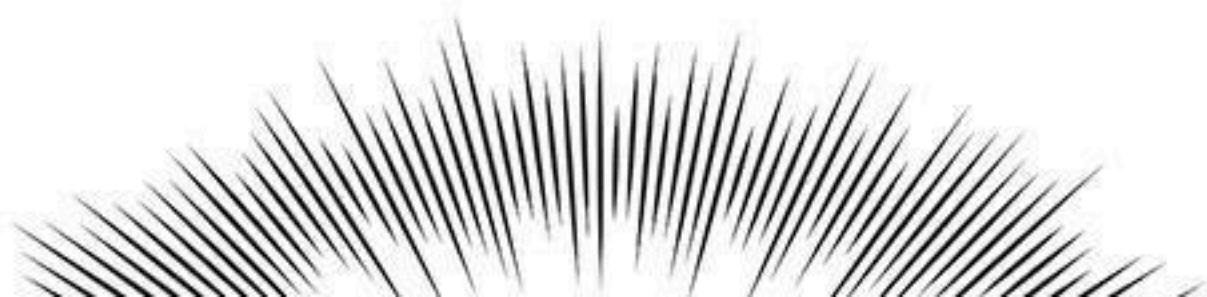
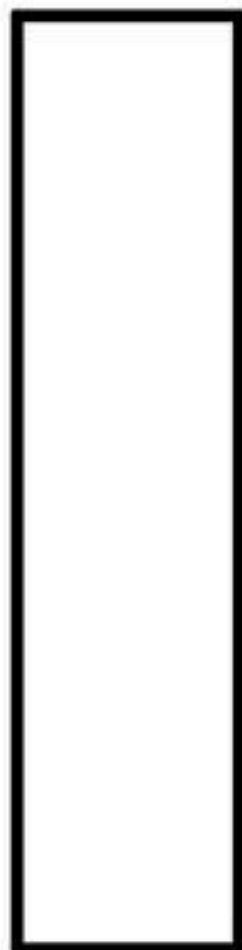
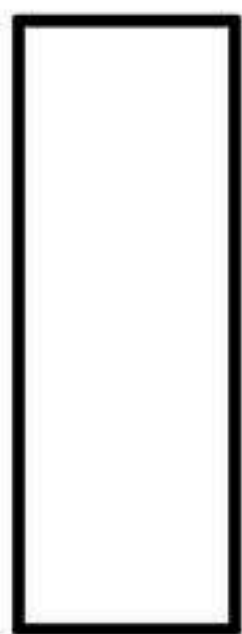
JA-JAMIE!
WAIT!

YOU ARE SO
MEAN!!






WAAAAA

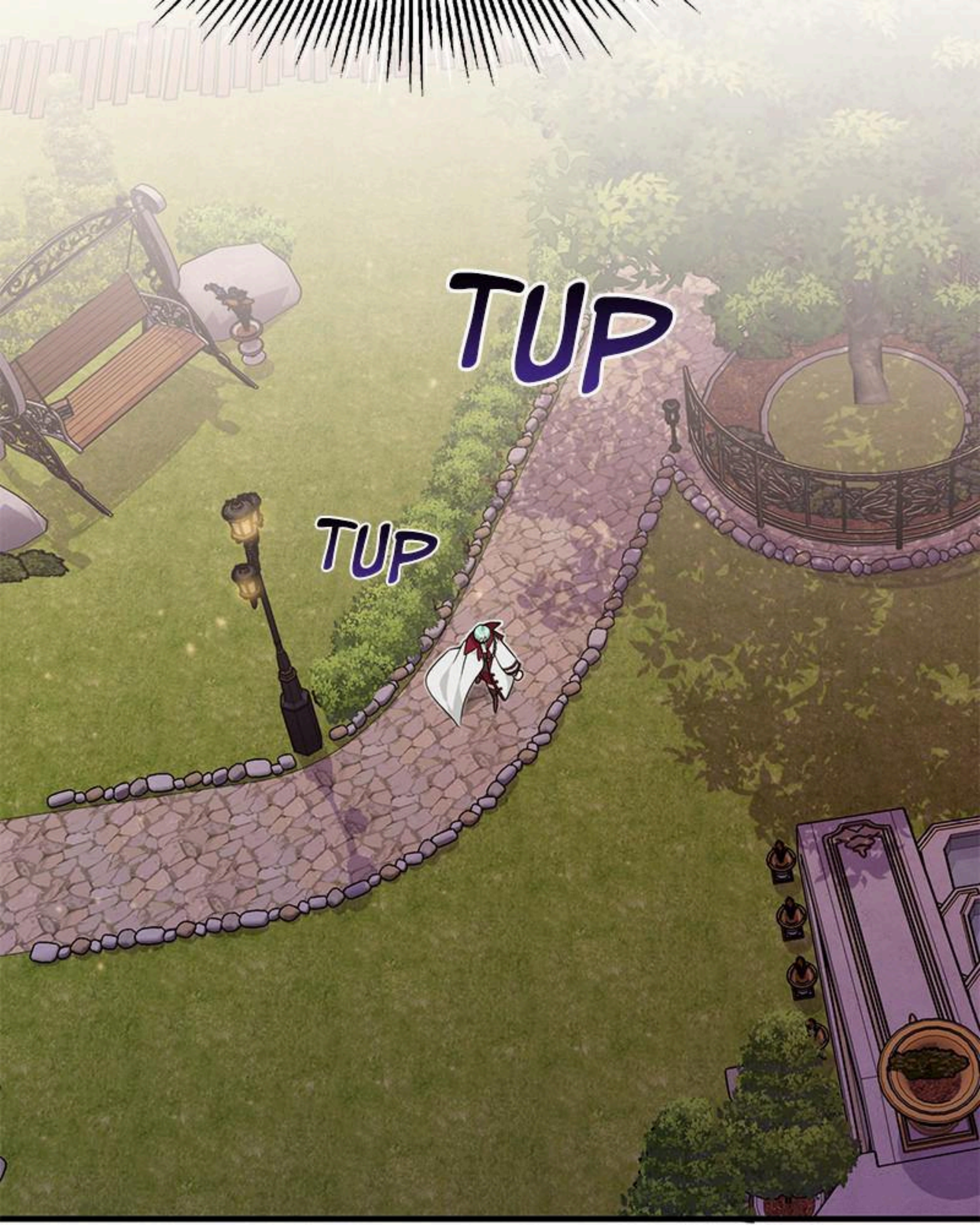




**FRIENDS. HA.
WHAT A NAÏVE
CHILD.**



**HAVING FRIENDS
OR CARING FOR OTHERS...
THAT'S A QUICK WAY TO
LOSE OBJECTIVITY.**

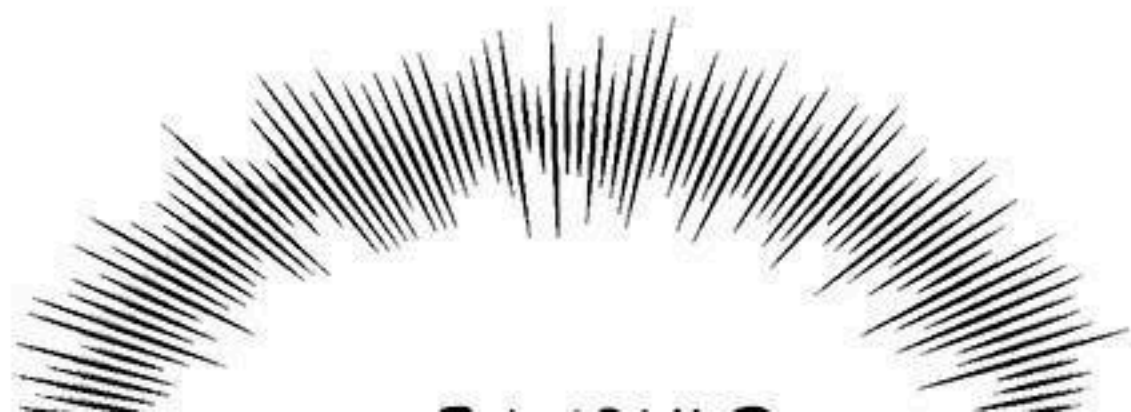


TUP

TUP

IF I HAD BEEN
RID OF SUCH FEELINGS
FROM THE START...





...I WOULD
NOT...

SWOOSH





...HAVE LOST
IN THE BATTLE
LIKE THAT!



ANNOYED





**FOOLISH KID!
JOGGING UP UNNECESSARY
MEMORY LIKE THAT!**

JAMIE WELTON!





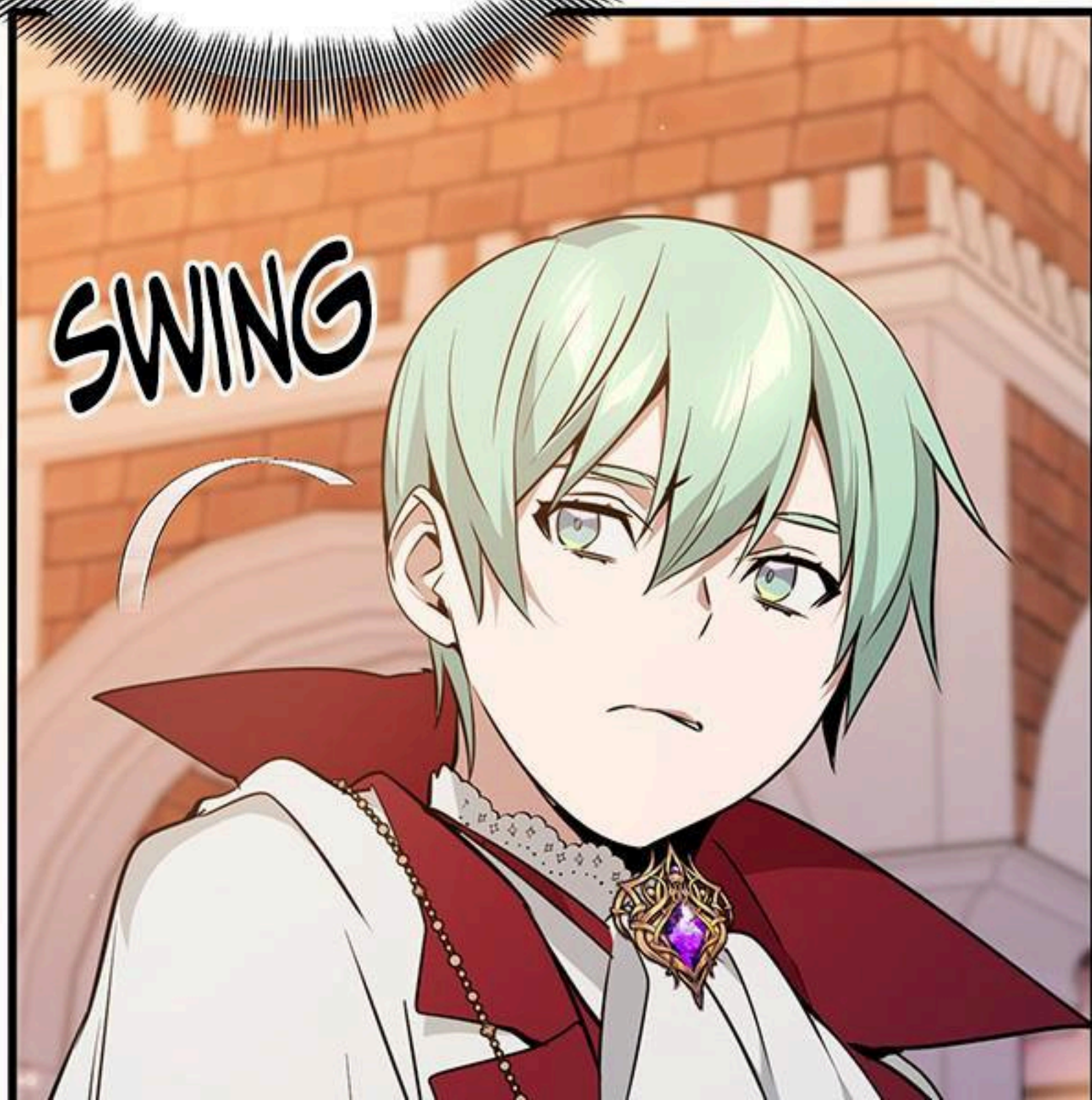
DA DUN





RED HAIR
LIKE THAT OF
THE BLOOD...

SWING





HE MUST BE
EARL SIMON'S SON.

WHAT THE
HELL DO YOU
WANT?

WANT!



WHA-WHAT?

HMPH! HOW
DARE YOU SPEAK TO
YOUR ELDERS LIKE THAT?
DO YOU EVEN KNOW
WHO HIS LORDSHIP
IS?

SPIT





SHOUT

HE IS (TO BE)
A RANK 3 MAGE,
AND THE ELDEST SON
TO EARL SIMON...





...HEIR TO THE HOUSEHOLD,

LORD ALPH!

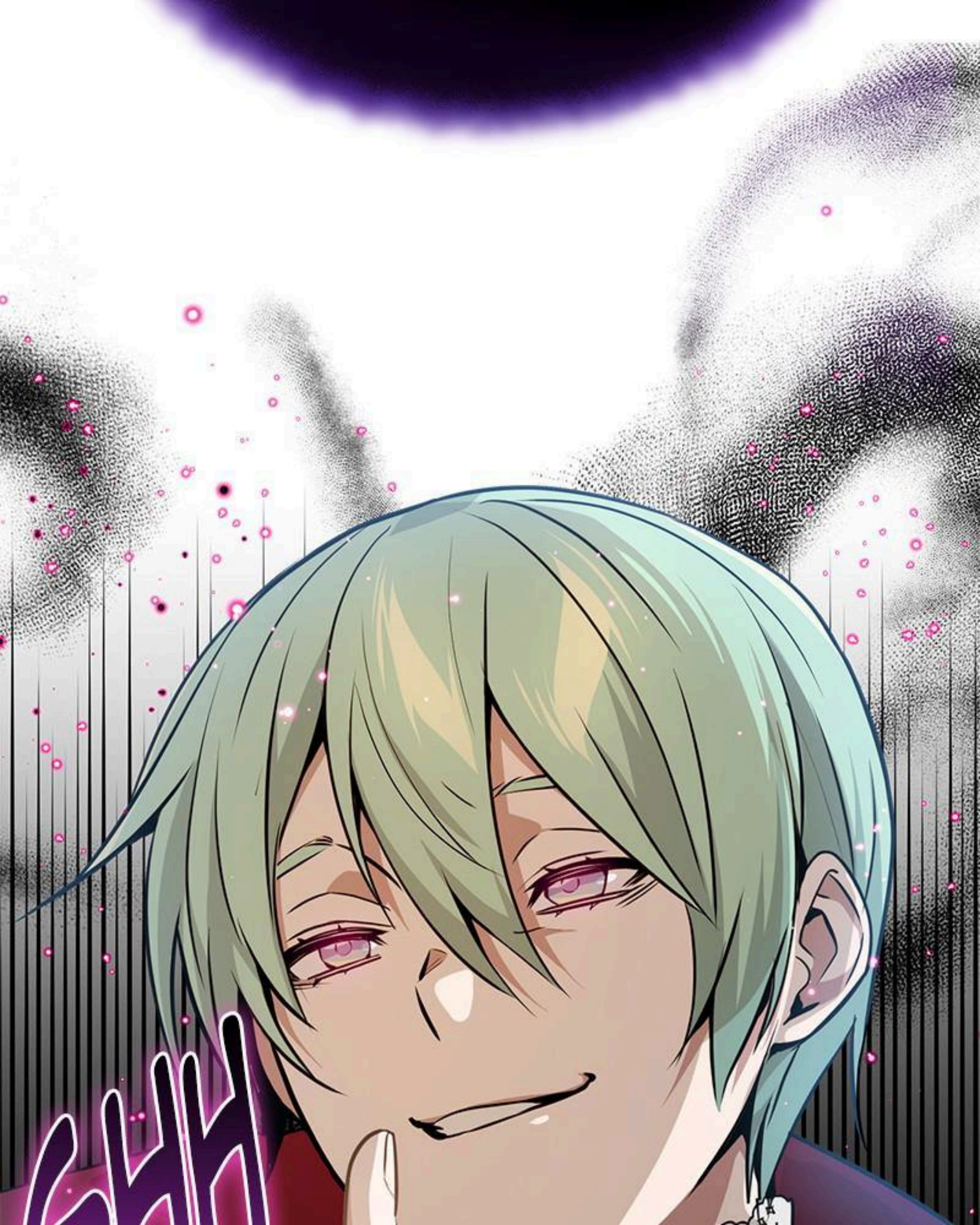
MM-HMM

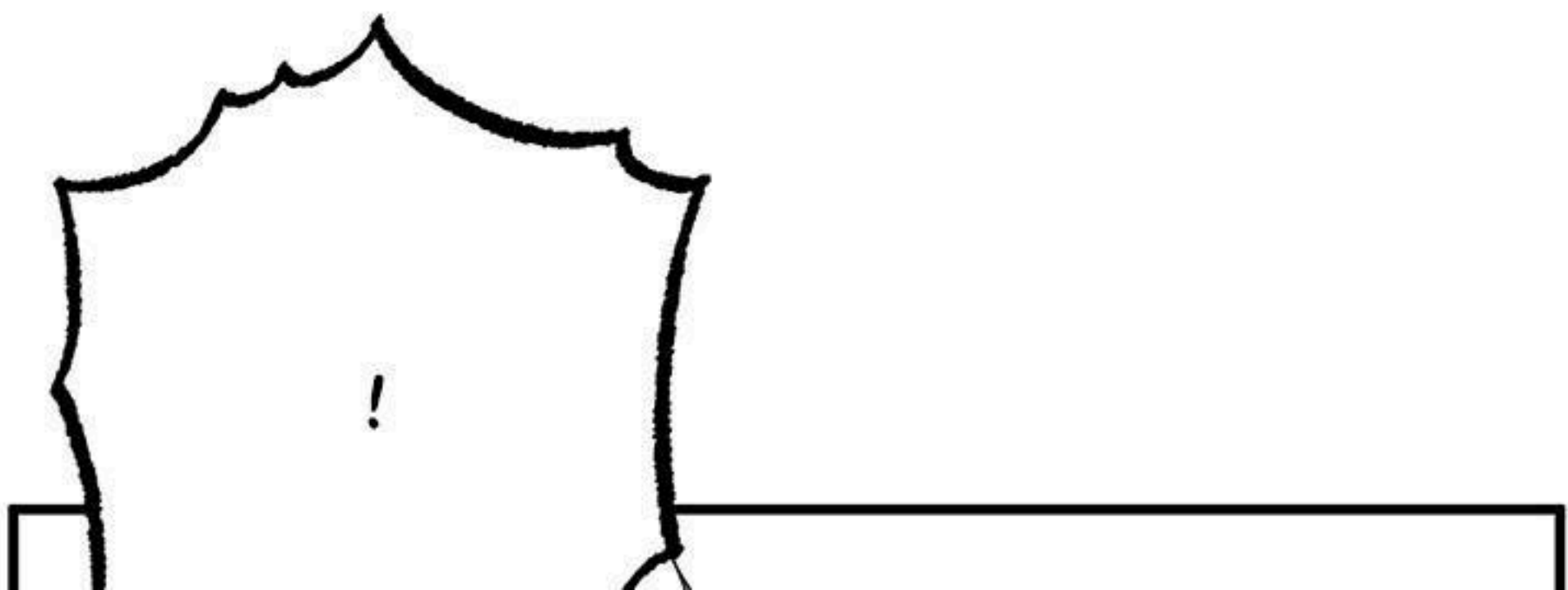
YOU'D BETTER
BE POLITE!

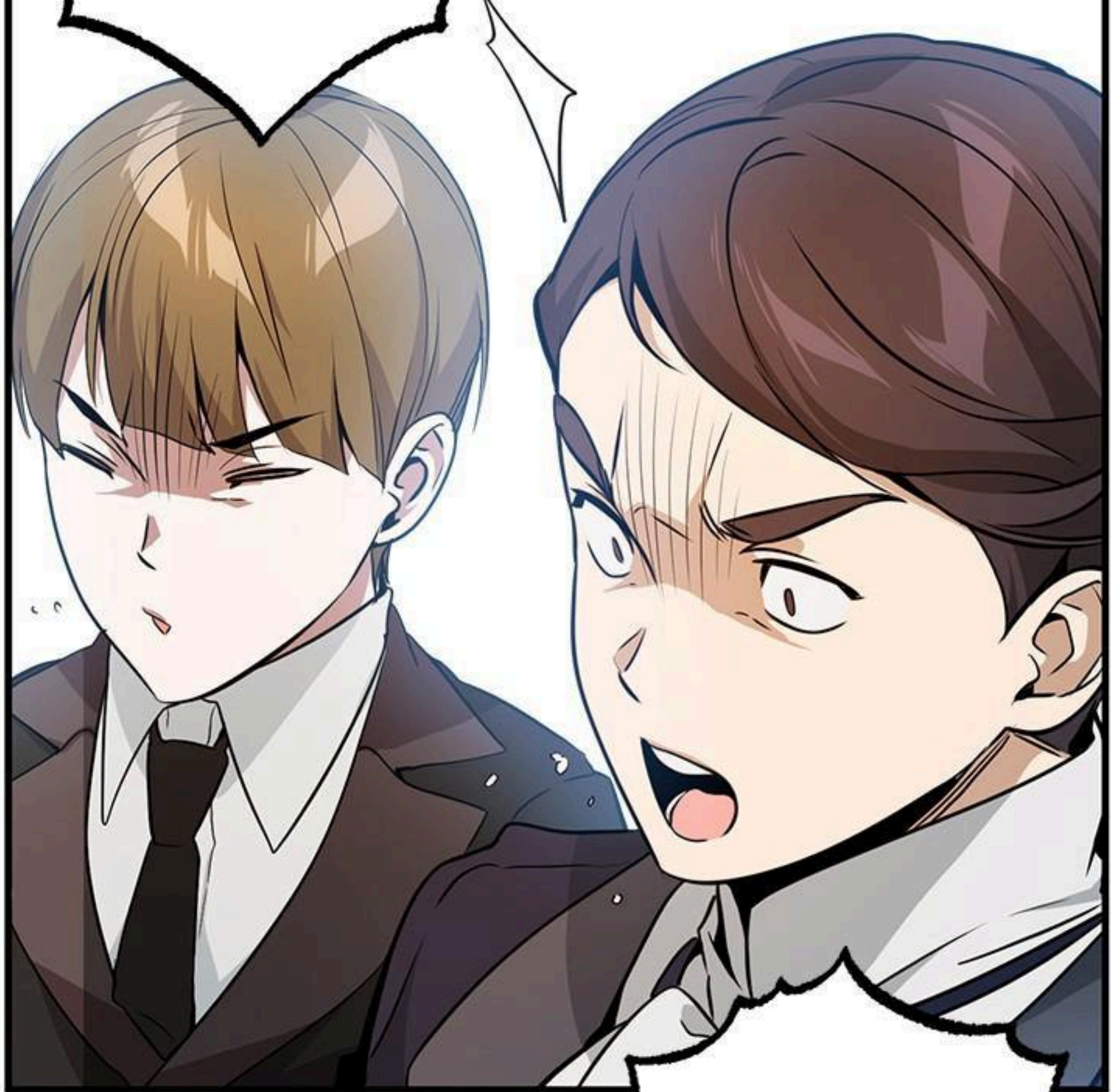


YOU TALK TOO
MUCH.

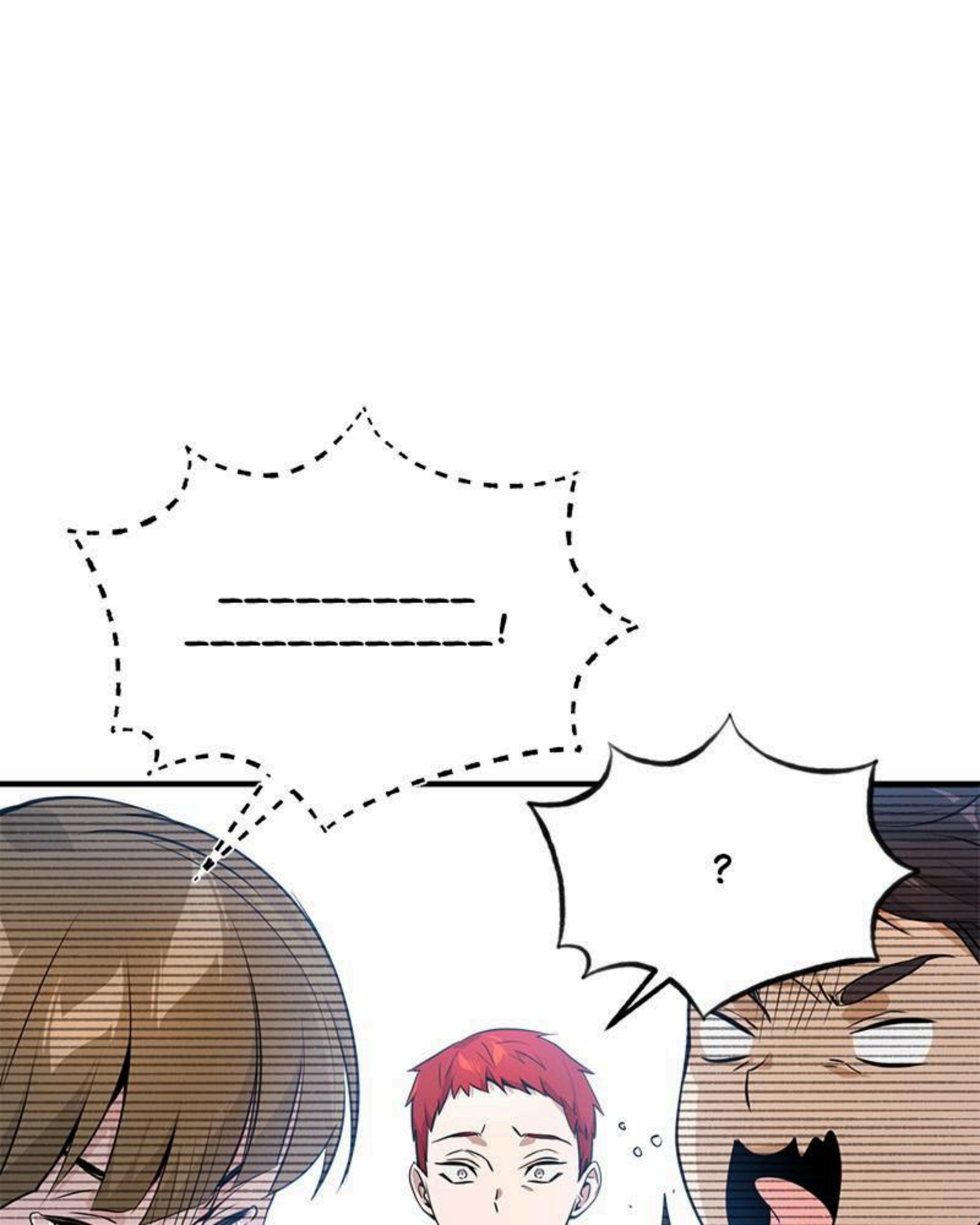
SILENCE







?!





WHA-WHAT THE...
DID YOU CAST THE SILENCE
SPELL ON THESE TWO?

FLINCH



OH, SO YOU
COULD TELL? I GUESS
YOU ARE AT A MORE
ADVANCED STAGE OF
EVOLUTION THAN
THOSE APES.

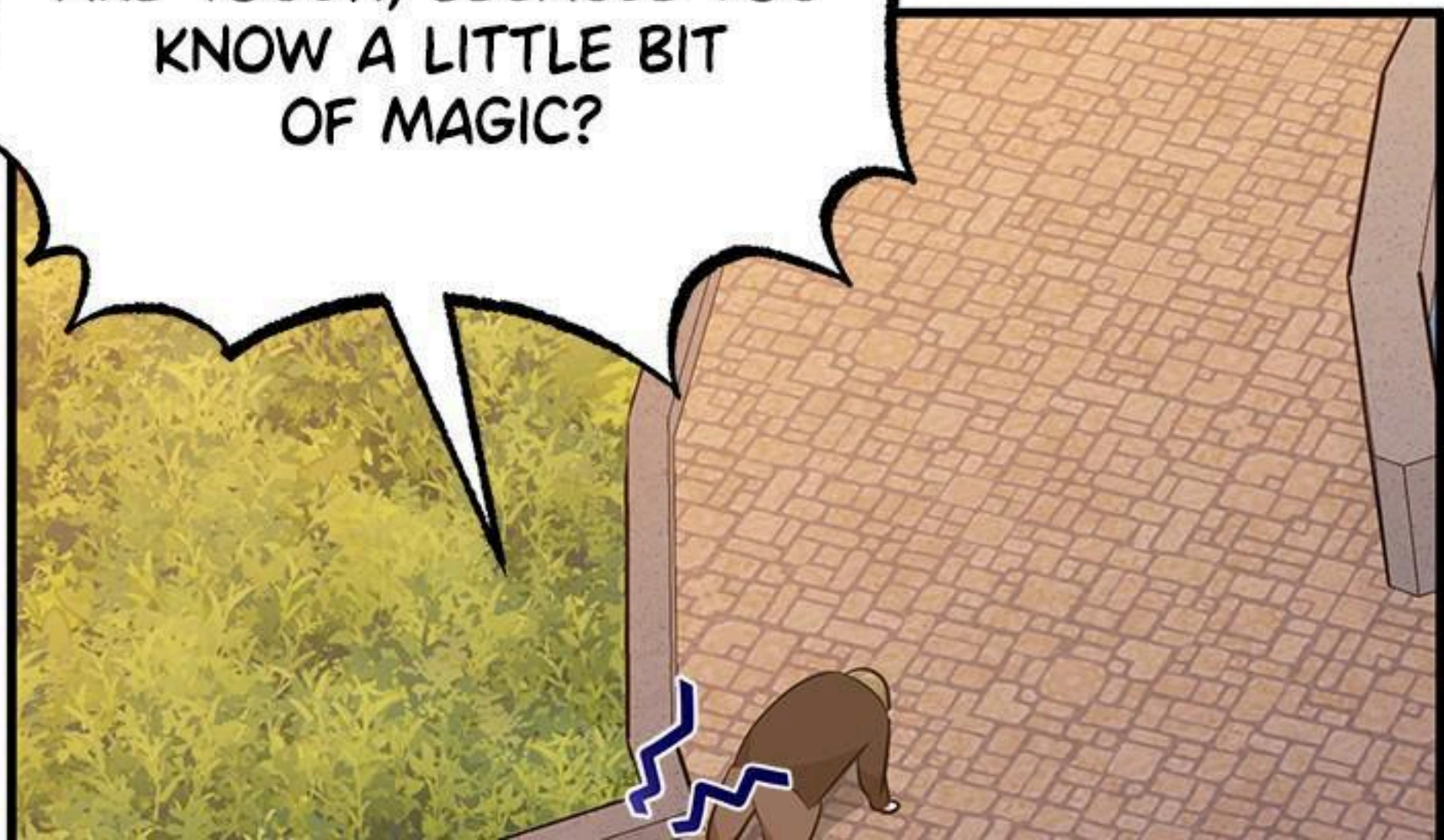
IMPRESSIVE!

SNAP





YOU INSOLENT...!
SO YOU THINK YOU
ARE TOUGH, BECAUSE YOU
KNOW A LITTLE BIT
OF MAGIC?





I AM OLDER
THAN YOU!

TO HELL WITH
WHO'S OLDER. TELL ME
WHAT IS IT YOU WANT,
BEFORE I SILENCE
YOU TOO.

PSH

FLINCH



AHEM! HMPH!



I AM NOT
HERE TO PICK
A FIGHT. I SIMPLY
WISHED TO HAVE A
CONVERSATION!

HA
HA



SO, YOU ARE
ALREADY A BANK ?

ALREADY A RANK 2
MAGE, HUH, BUDDY?
AMAZING!

THERE IS NO POINT
OF HEARING MORE FROM
YOU, JUDGING FROM THIS
WORTHLESS ATTEMPT.

I AM YOUR
BUDDY NOW?





I HAVE NO
BUSINESS WITH
YOU. SHOO!



WHA-WHAT?

DI-DIDN'T YOU
HEAR WHAT THEY
JUST SAID? DO YOU NOT
KNOW WHO I AM?

ARGH!





I DO. YOU
ARE EARL SIMON'S
SON.

HMPH!
SO YOU DO KNOW
WHO I AM.



I WAS ALMOST
OFFENDED...

AND YOU ARE
EARL WELTON'S SON.
SO WHY DON'T WE FORMALLY
HAVE A CONVERSATION?

OH, AND I WAS
SIMPLY FLUSTERED BY YOUR
TONE BEFORE AND DON'T MEAN
TO BE RUDE, SO I HOPE YOU
ARE NOT MISTAKEN.





YEAH, RIGHT.
YOU WOULD HAVE
TRIED TO PIN ME DOWN
WITH BRUTE FORCE
IF I DIDN'T SHOW
MY MAGICAL
PROWESS.

YOU AND I
WILL BE THE MOST
PROMINENT NOBLES IN
THE EASTERN REGION IN
THE FUTURE,

SO WE SHOULD
START BUILDING OUR
"FRIENDSHIP" AT AN
EARLY AGE. DON'T
YOU AGREE?

A close-up of a character's face, showing red hair and a smug, slightly closed-mouth expression. The character is looking downwards and to the right.


GRIN



ALL THIS TIME

ALL THIS JUST
TO SUGGEST I SUBMIT
TO HIM, HUH? I GUESS HE HAS
NO INTENTION OF BEING CLEAR.
NICE TRY SWEET-TALKING
YOUR WAY IN,
THOUGH.

SIGH



I RESENT THAT
I MUST PERSEVERE
THROUGH NON-SENSE
LIKE THIS...



NO.





I HAVE NO
INTEREST IN PLAYING
YOUR GAME, NOR DO I CARE.
IF YOU ARE GOING

IF YOU ARE DONE,
GET LOST.

YOU... HOW
DARE YOU DECLINE
MY KIND OFFER!!





JUST WHO
DO YOU THINK
YOU ARE?!



FIRST, I WILL
CRUSH YOU AND YOUR
PUNY MAGIC!

CRASH



THEN YOU'LL HAVE NO

CHOICE BUT TO BECOME
MY SUBORDINATE!





POOF





CHUCKLE



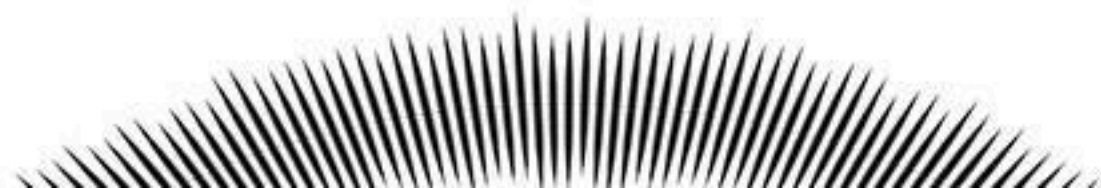
SO YOU WANT
TO USE FORCE,
AFTER ALL.



YEAH.
I THOUGHT ABOUT
CHANGING MY MIND
FOR A MOMENT,

BUT I FIND THIS WAY
MUCH EASIER.

SHH



A HYPOCRITICAL
CHILD OF THAT AGE?
THAT'S A RARE SIGHT.
HOW DESPICABLE.




OH,
DEAR ALPH.

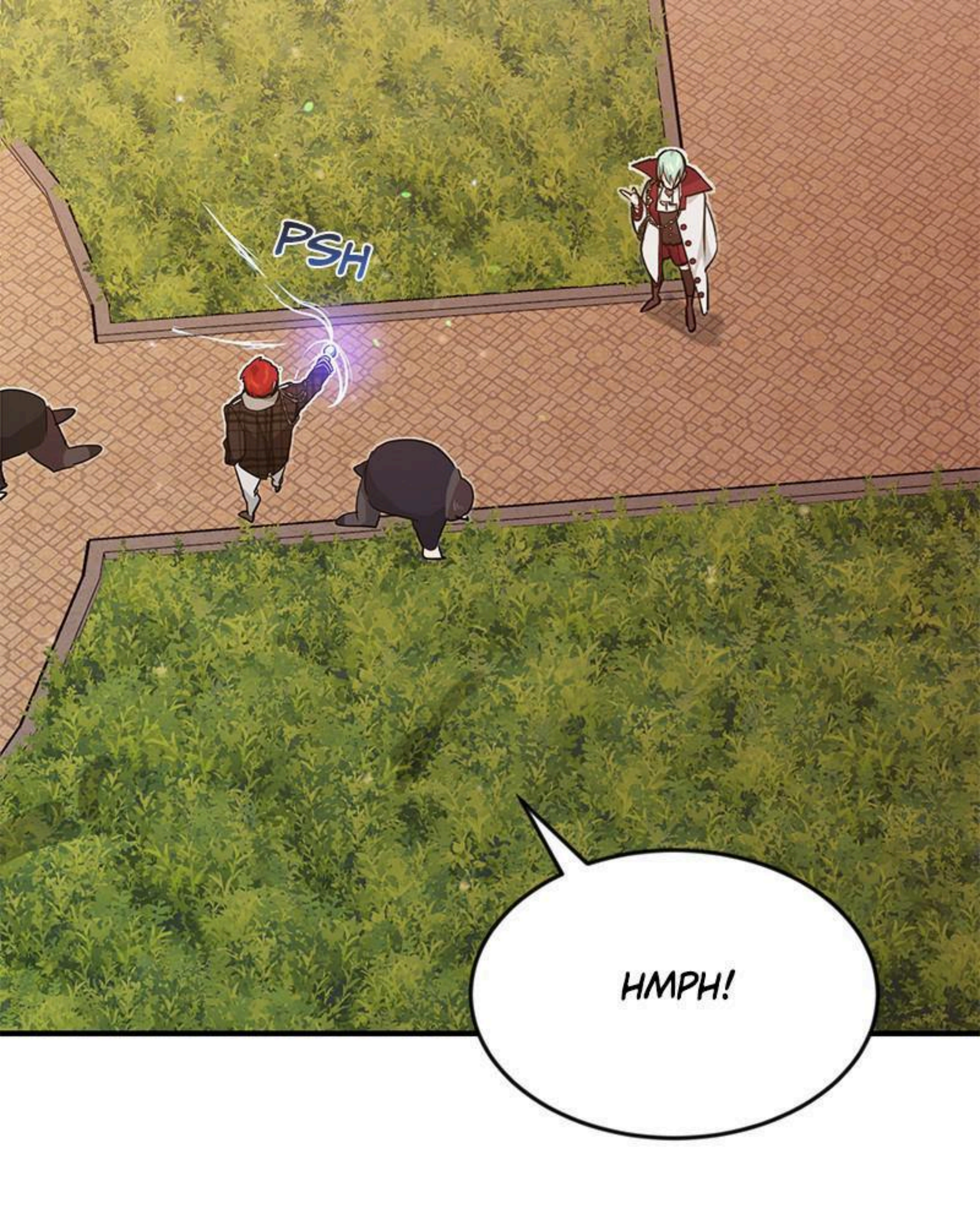


JUST IMAGINE
HOW SAD OUR PARENTS

WILL BE IF THEY
FOUND OUT.



YOU MUST KNOW
YOU'D GET IN TROUBLE
FOR CAUSING A SCENE
LIKE THIS.



PSH

HMPH!

NO NEED TO
WORRY ABOUT
THAT.

GRIN





NO ONE WILL
BE ABLE TO SEE US,
AS LONG AS I HAVE
THIS.



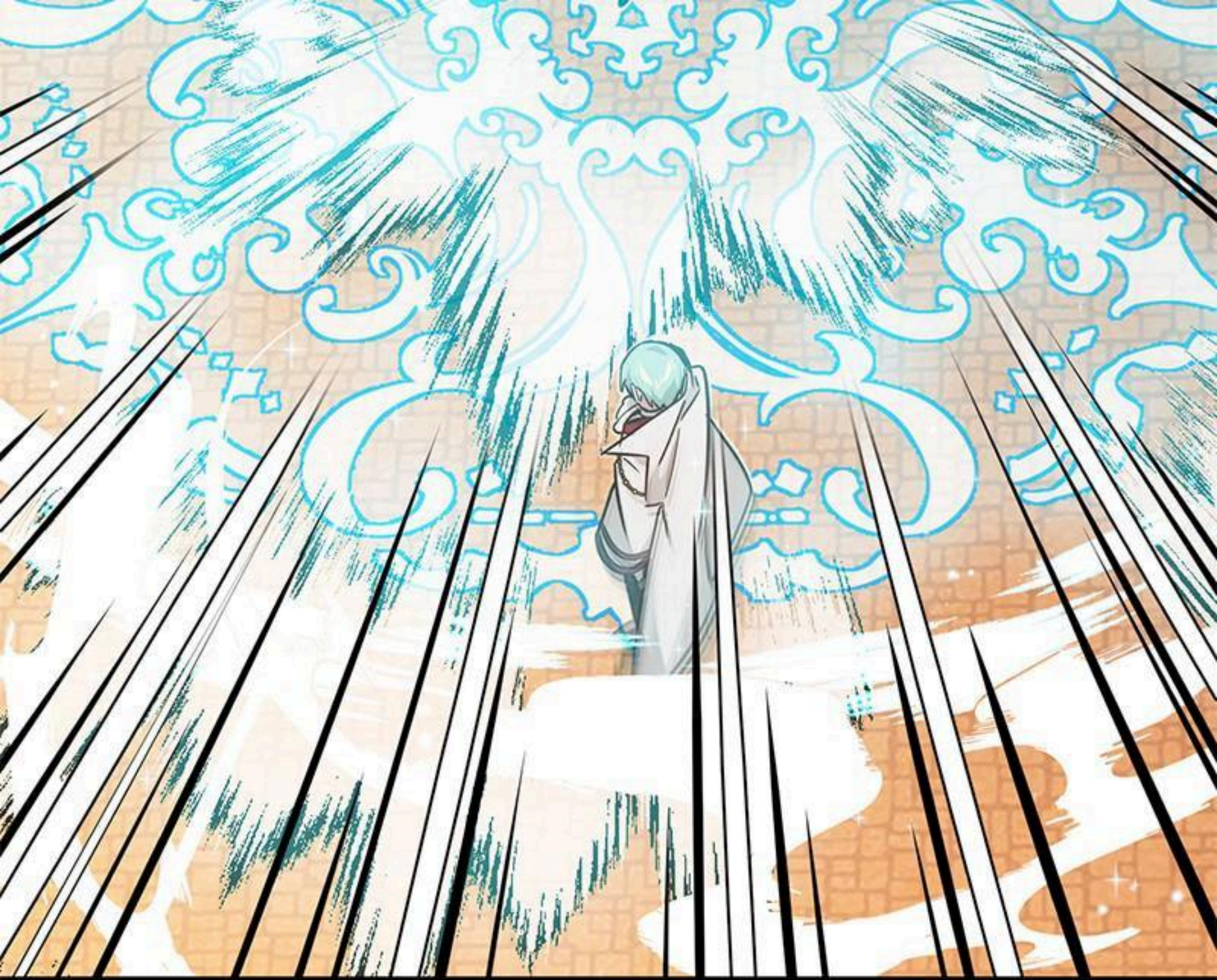
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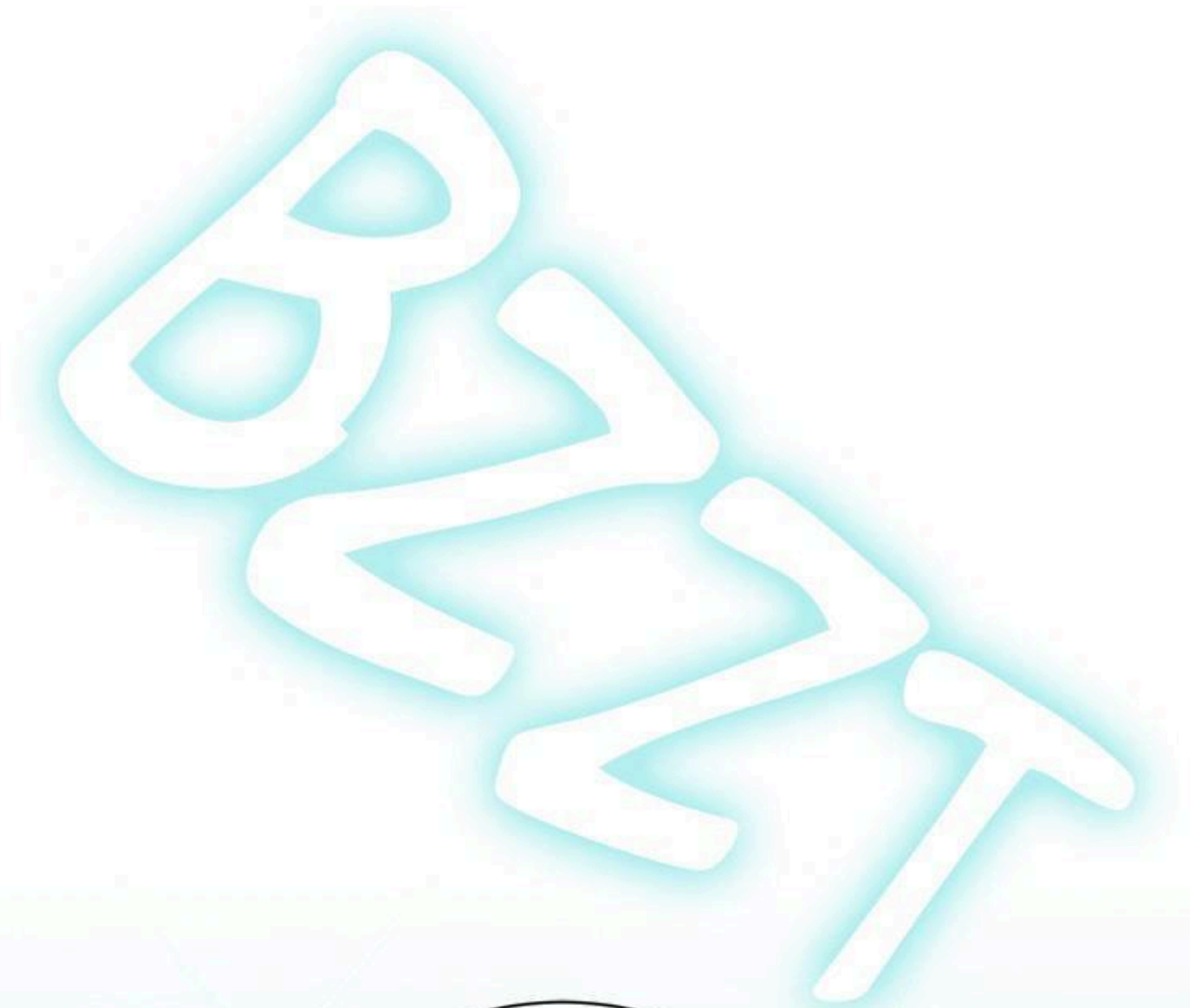




THUD







AN ARTIFACT
OF ILLUSION,
EH?



HA!

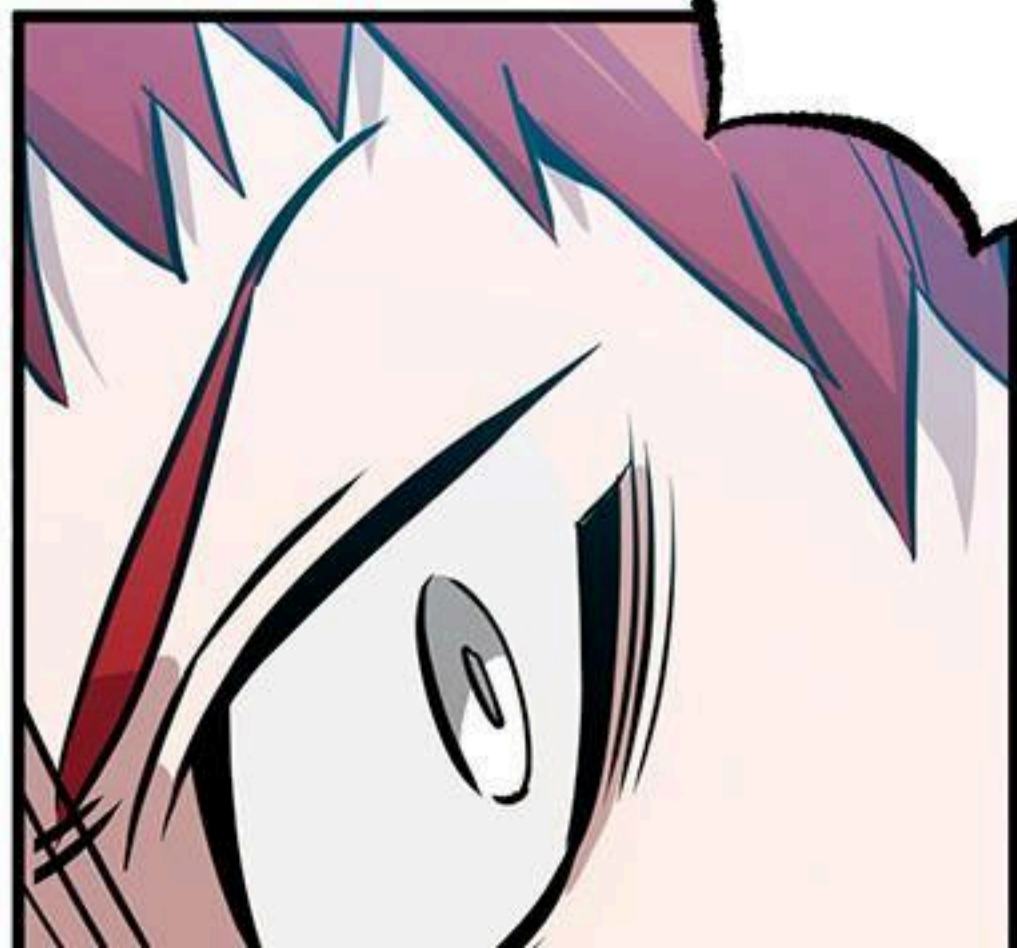
SO YOU
KNOW ABOUT
THIS ITEM,
TOO?

IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE.
YOU WILL SOON BE ON YOUR
KNEES, BEGGING FOR
MERCY!





YOU TWO!
BREAK AWAY FROM
THE EFFECT OF THE
SILENCE SPELL!

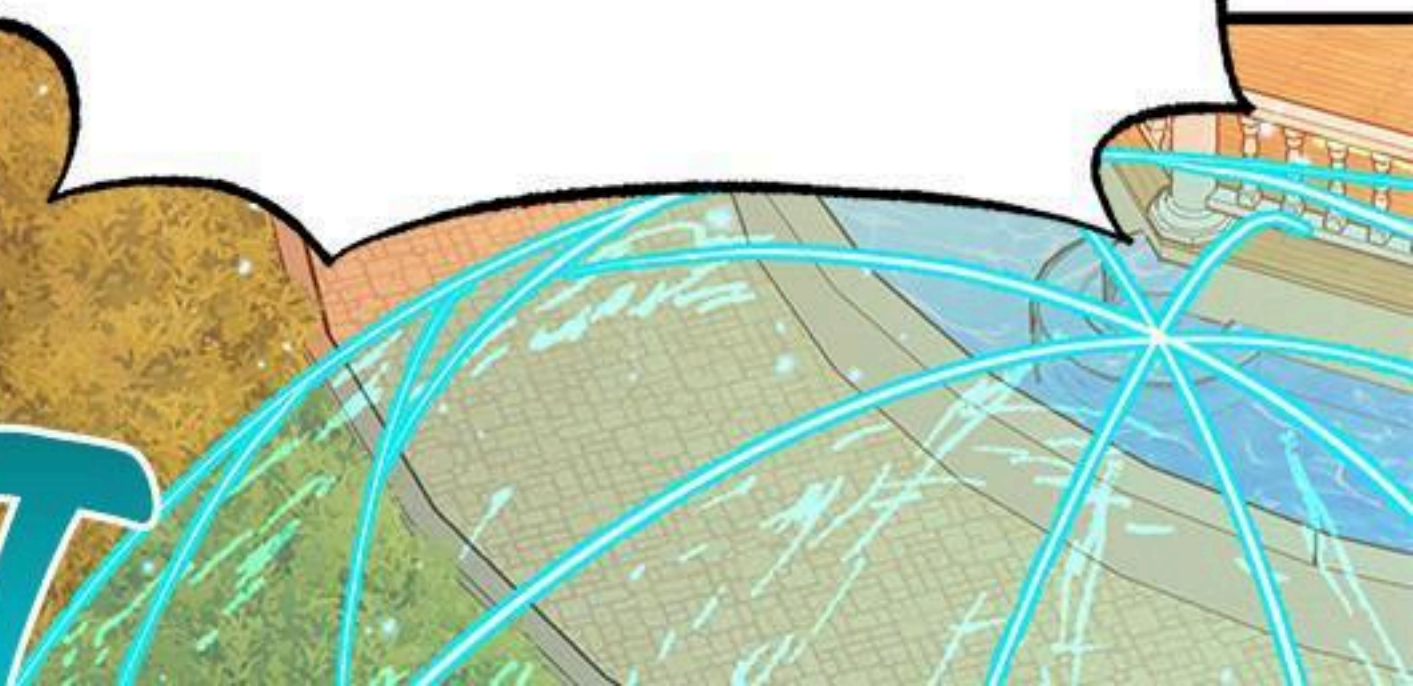







YOU SCUM!
I THOUGHT I WAS GOING
TO BE LIKE THIS FOR THE
REST OF MY LIFE!

BZZT





DO YOU REALLY
WISH TO DIE? YOU THINK YOU
COULD GET AWAY WITH THIS JUST
BECAUSE YOU ARE ONE OF
THE WELTONS?

YOU! STOP IGNORING US!
YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS!

HMM

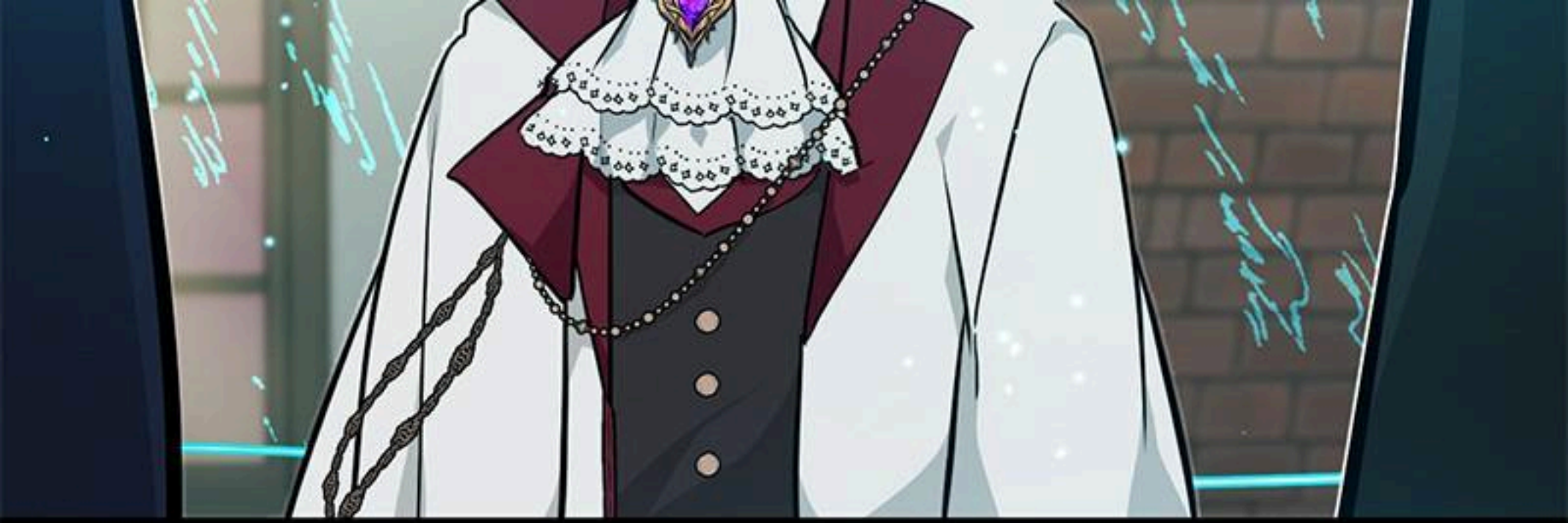
QUITE A DECENT
ARTIFACT, THAT IS.



INTERESTING.

SWISH





INTERESTING?



YOU MUST BE OUT
OF YOUR MIND. STARTING
TODAY, THE WELTON
HOUSEHOLD WILL-

AFFLICTION



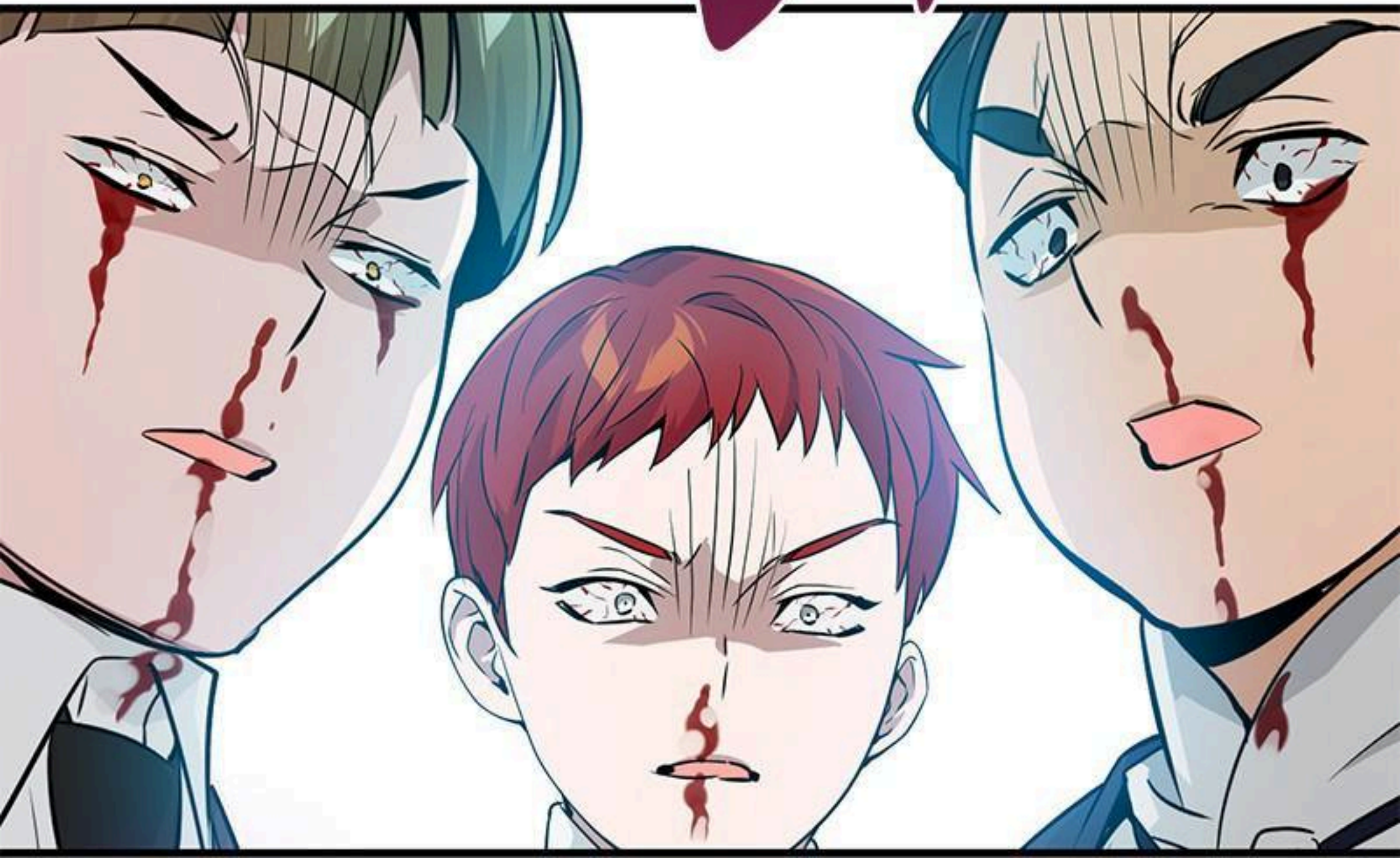


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I RECOMMEND AGAINST
TURNING OFF THE EFFECT OF
THE ARTIFACT...

DRIP



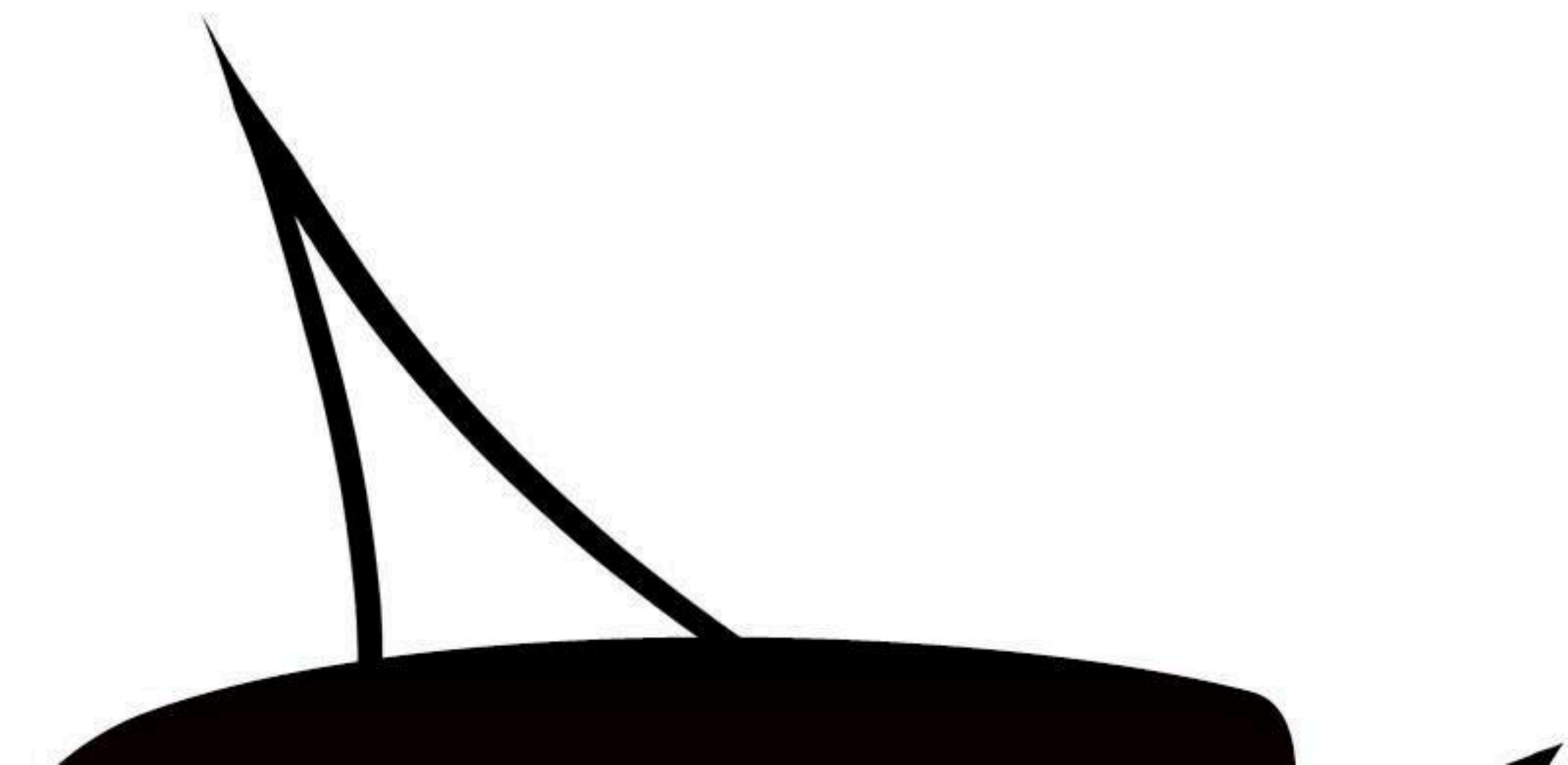
...OR EVERYONE WILL
SEE YOU THREE SUFFER
DISGRACEFULLY IN PAIN.

SWISH





SWISH











GROAN



**A-ALPH...
HELP... ME...**



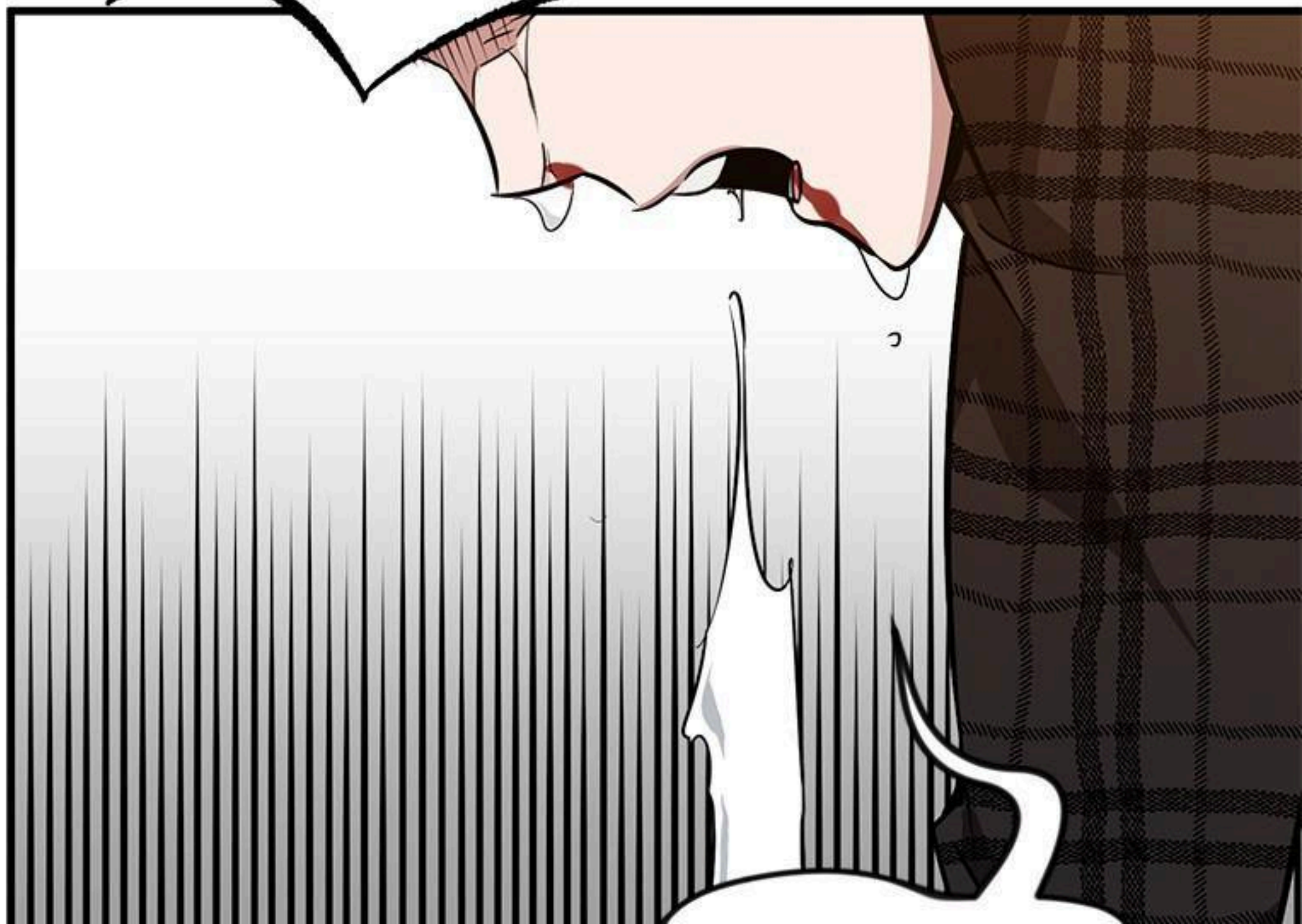
MY HEAD...
IS ABOUT TO
EXPLODE...

COUGH

DRIP



BLAARGH



A comic book panel featuring a speech bubble at the top and a thought bubble at the bottom. The top of the panel has a grey and white striped background. The speech bubble is white with a black, wavy border and contains the text "AAHH..." and "UGH...". The thought bubble is white with a black, wavy border and contains the text "I WILL KILL HIM...".

AAHH...
UGH...

I WILL KILL HIM...

I'LL MAKE HIM PAY!

WAIT... BUT HOW?



I DON'T HAVE WHAT
IT TAKES.

HOW CAN I,
WHEN HE IS A RANK 4...



TREMBLE




...AND I AM ONLY A
RANK 2 MAGE? HOW?



HOW DID I GET MYSELF
INTO THIS MESS?






WAIT... JUST WHO
TAUGHT HIM MAGIC
LIKE THAT?

HOW COULD HE
HAVE OBTAINED SUCH
POWERFUL MAGIC...





...WHEN HE IS
A WELTON, THE
CLAN KNOWN FOR ITS
SWORDSMANSHIP?!

SUCH GIFT...
THAT I DO NOT HAVE...!

PANT



PANT

CL

CLENCH



I WILL NOT
ALLOW IT...

WOBBLE

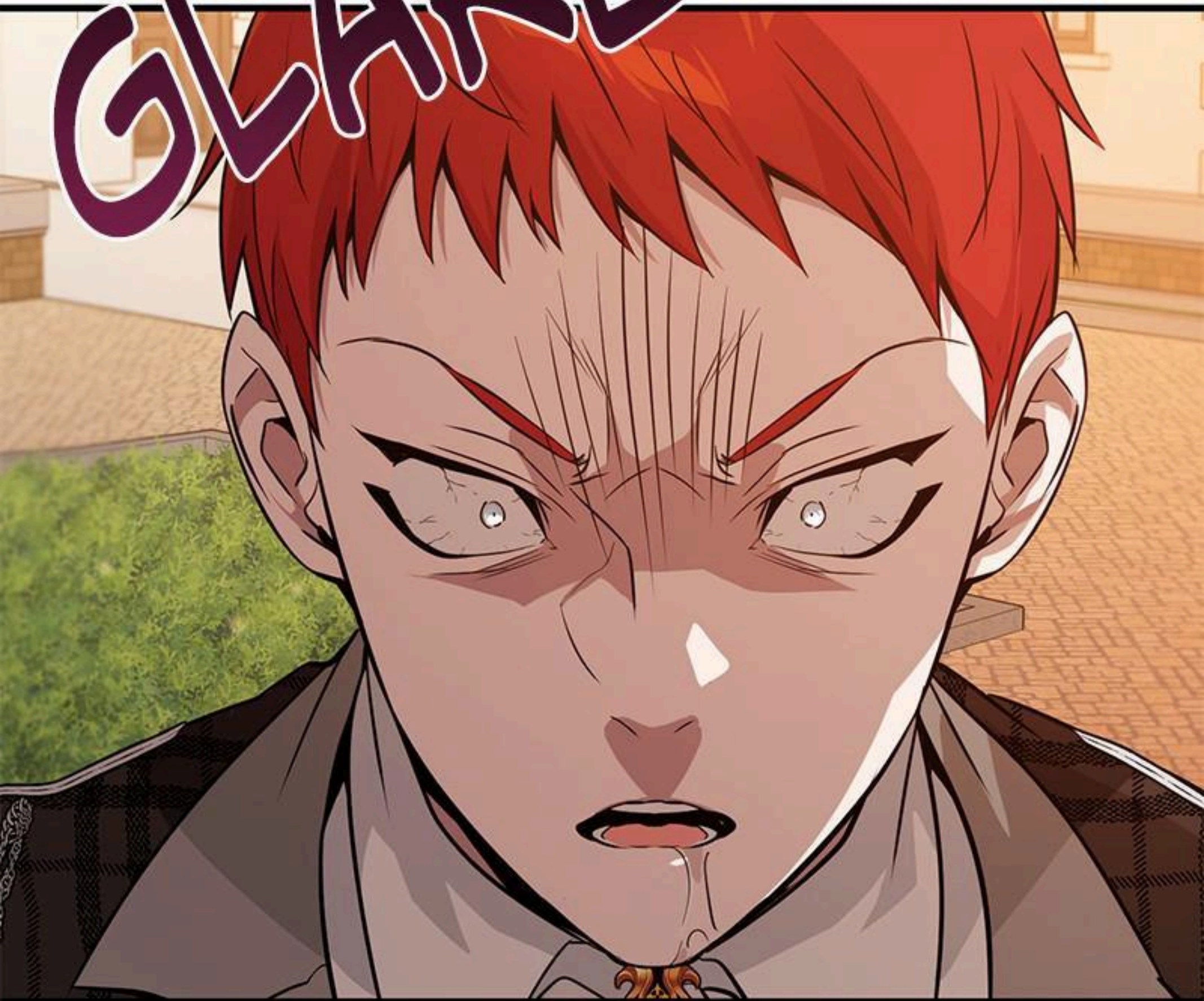


NUDDLE



I WILL NOT
TOLERATE IT!

GLARE





I WILL CRUSH
THAT GIFT! YOU WILL
NEVER BE ABLE TO
USE MAGIC EVER
AGAIN!!



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